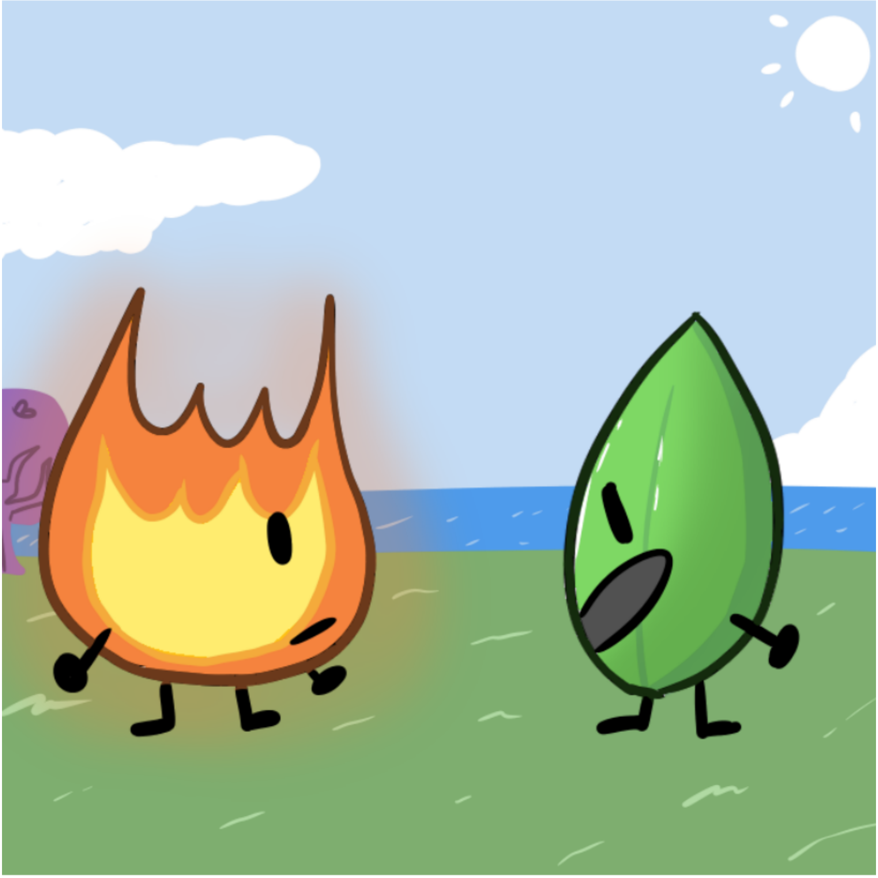
Wake Up

Firey was a sleep, unconcerned about any problems around him. But then he heard a voice, a familiar voice.

" Firey, wake up, Firey! " Leafy screamed.

" Shut up Leafy I could hardly sleep last night... wait... Leafy! " Firey jumped out his sleep " Weren't you eliminated?"

Leafy looked at him in confusion, she stepped back a little.



" Firey I rejoined not long ago, don't you remember? I joined the losers and we became teammates " Leafy was really happy talking to Firey, from her perspective they hadn't spoken in many years.

Firey was silent. How much could have happened in a single episode? Had Leafy been eliminated before? Not that he remembered, she looked the same as usual also.

" I don't know what you are talking about, the last thing I remember is that I was eliminated and sent to the TLC " Firey said " You, Flower and Bubble became the final three and-"

" Wait wait wait that's impossible, you won Dream Island " Leafy said quickly.

Firey was silent for a few seconds and then burst out laughing, Leafy just stared at him, feeling more and more lost. As this was happening, two balls were approaching.

" Hey you two, what are you doing? where are we? " One of them said.

Both of them looked at Golf ball and Snowball, Golf ball looked normal, with her typical angry expression, but Snowball was shaking as if he was scared.

" I was talking to Firey and he seems to have a very strange amnesia, he only remembers BFDI and says that Bubble, Flower and I were the finalists " Leafy said

" That's silly, I won Dream Island " Golf ball said with a bit of arrogance.

Leafy lost some patience and stood up.

" No that's not what happened, what's going on, is this some kind of joke? Snowball what do you have to say " Leafy said with an irritated expression.

Snowball looked surprised, he didn't expect anyone to talk to him, he didn't know how to react, so he just kept quiet while trying to make himself look smaller.

The four of them walked around the island, Golf ball said that there might be more contestants around, Snowball just followed them silently, Leafy was dragging Firey along, holding him by the hand. They began to move into a grove of trees and then the leaves began to move above them.

" When are you from? " a soft voice said from the leaves.

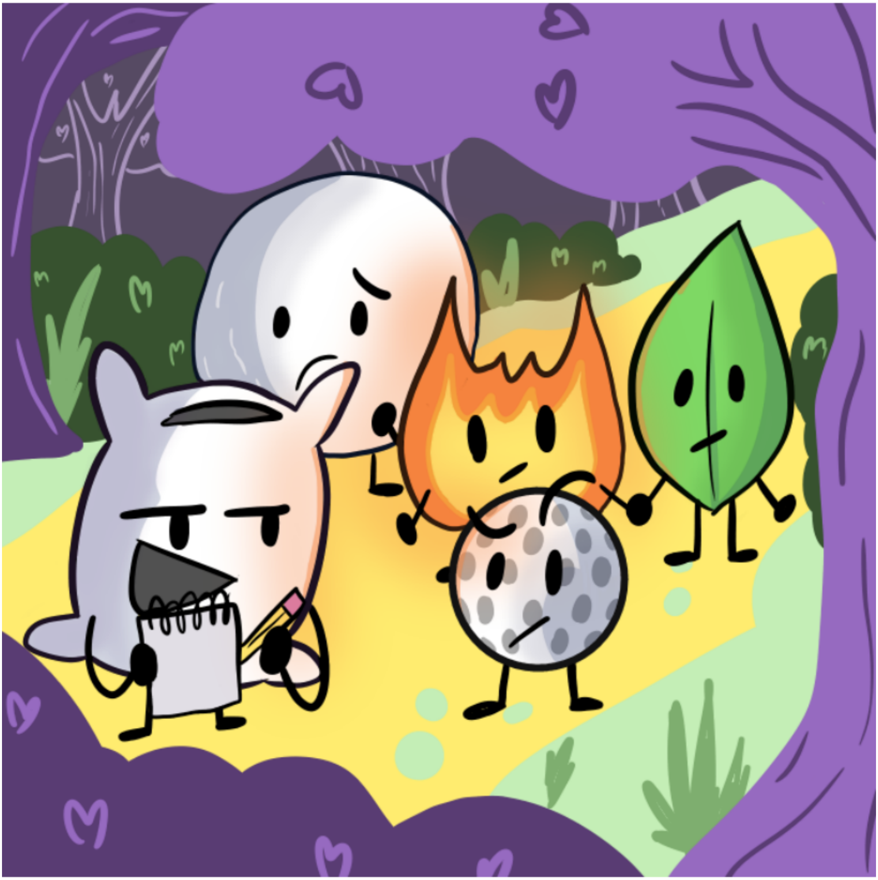
Golf ball looked up to the trees "What-"

" When are you from? " Pillow said cheerfully as she hung upside down from one of the trees.

" Pillow, you remember BFB, don't you? " Leafy said almost pleading.

"Who is she? " Firey and Golf ball said at the same time.

Pillow began to write in her notebook, fascinated by the circumstance. She climbed down from the tree and approached the other contestants.



" Golf ball what is the last thing you remember? " Pillow asked.

" I remember I won Dream Island, and I just let TB come in with me, then out of nowhere I showed up here. "

" Fascinating " Pillow kept writing in her notebook.

" Who are you? " Firey asked to her.

" This is Pillow, one of the members of Death p.a.c.t, don't you remember? " Leafy still didn't understand why no one seemed to remember anything.

" No, what is Death p.a.c.t? What is BFB? " he asked in confusion.

" He doesn't remember Leafy because he has never lived it " Pillow cheered with a big smile " I've been doing some research and it seems like each of us comes from a different moment in time, with some changes in events. Do you know what TPOT is?"

" Not really " Leafy replied.

" What was the last challenge you did? " Pillow asked.

" The stairs one " Leafy awnsered.

" If you had stood on your timeline, eventually another number besides Four would have appeared and-"

"Wait i still don't undestand " Firey sobbed. Firey brought his hands to his eyes even though no tears came out.

" Firey says the last thing he remembers is being sent to the TLC " Leafy commented.

Firey looked at the ground and began to think, when he then understood, at least partially, what was going on.

" Does that mean you are from the future? " Firey said excitedly a new flame was kindled in his eyes.

" Kinda " Said Leafy.

" Then... Who won Dream Island? " Firey asked.

" Me " Golf ball said .

" You " Leafy said.

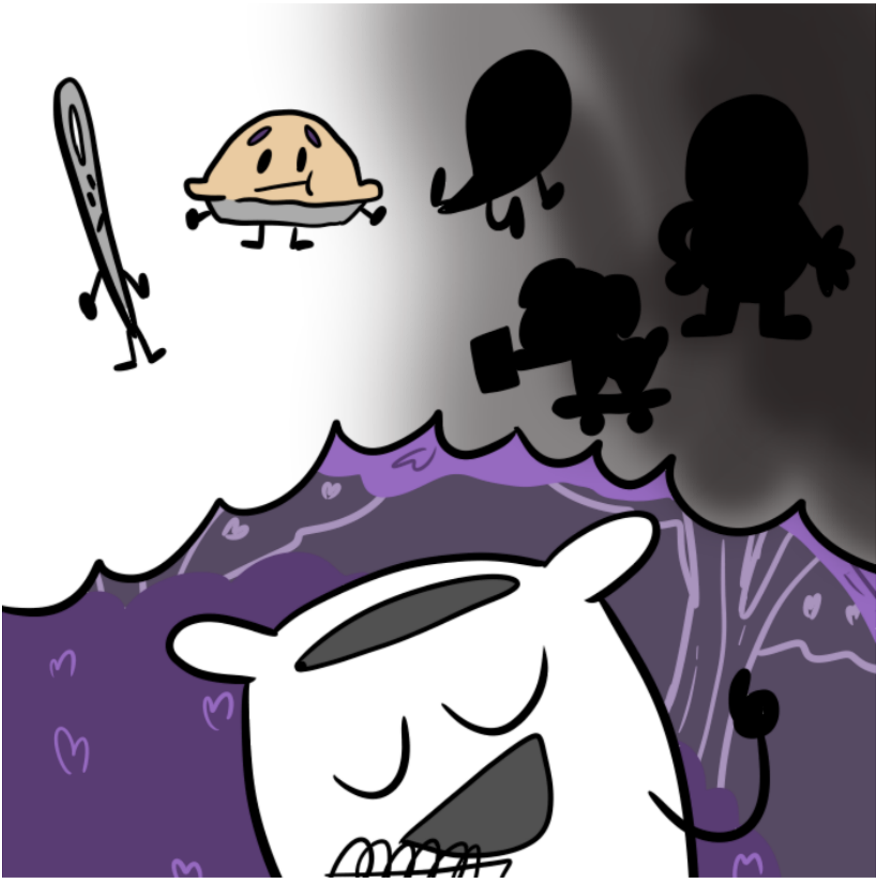
Firey smiled, thinking that in the future he will win Dream Island.

" But... Why are we here? " Golf ball asked.

" I haven't figured it out yet, I need to do more research " Pillow sounded a bit down in that last sentence.

Snowball raised his hand, as if he were a student asking permission to speak. Pillow approached him and Snowball said something in her ear.

" Sorry Snowball but I haven't seen Coiny yet, although I have met Needle, Pie and three strangers " Said Pillow without losing her mood.



" Where are they now? " Golf ball asked.

Pillow looked up from her notebook and felt the direction of the wind with one finger, then she pointed in one direction " They went there, towards the center of the island. there is a large building over there."

" Well, we have to go to that building too, I hope to find TB " Golf ball said.

" I hope to find someone from my timeline " Leafy whispered.

The four of them then began to walk in the direction that Pillow pointed. Pillow on the other hand continued exploring the island, continuing her research.

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Hello, I would like to say that I am not very good in English, if I have any mistakes let me know. I also hope you find the concept interesting, i want this book to be somewhat long, I feel that the most interesting thing has to be the interactions of these characters, although don't worry if there will be a plot going on.

Thank you for reading, tomorrow I will upload the next chapter.

Misunderstoods

The place was big, there were many objects inside, everyone wanted to meet their friends again. There were not only objects inside, but we will come back to that later.

Ruby was walking around the place as cheerful as ever, she remembered discovering how the jawbreakers worked with Flower a few minutes ago, Where is she? Has she also appeared in this strange place? Ruby thought as she walked, then thought that perhaps, among all that crowd was also her alliance.

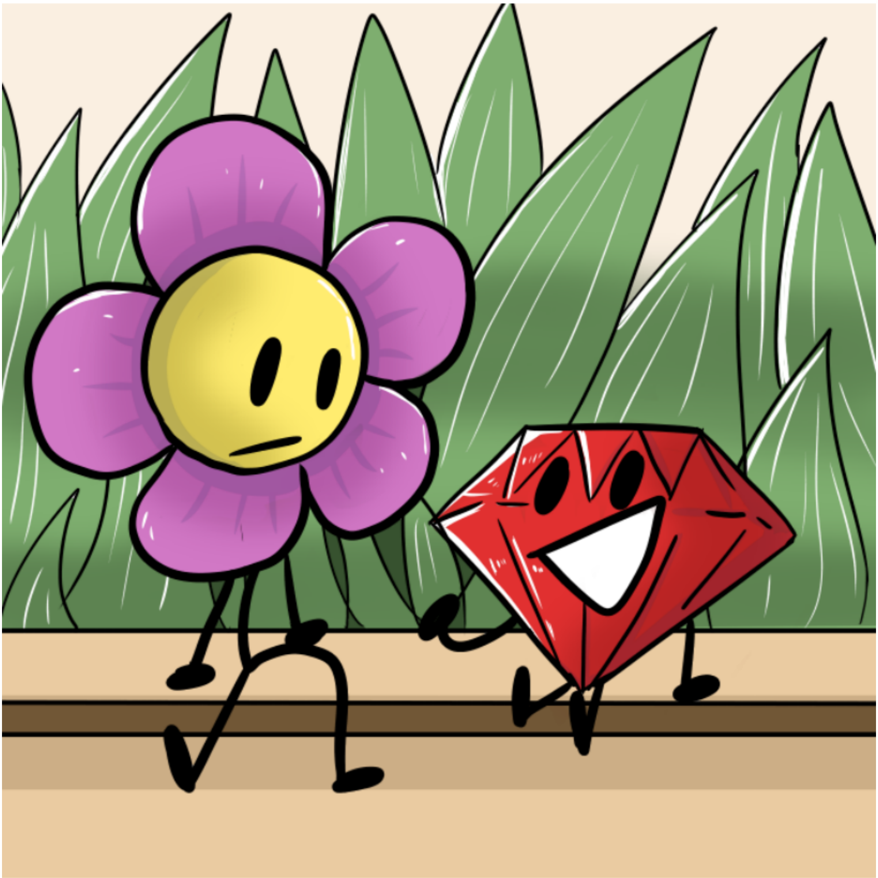
Suddenly Ruby saw some pink petals behind a plant, she approached to find just what she thought she would find.

" Hey Flower I was looking for you " Said Ruby enthusiastically.

Flower looked puzzled.

" Hello Ruby " She said.

Ruby sat down next to her, Flower shifted a little, she felt a little uncomfortable. Flower remembered finding a jar and after asking Black hole to open it she simply appeared there. She didn't remember interacting with Ruby before, it was strange for her to behave that way.



"I wonder what brought us to this strange place, maybe Four has revived and this is a challenge, what do you think?" What is she talking about? Four? wait... we were at a show and I never noticed, those thoughts were going through Flower's mind.

"Eh.. well..." Flower didn't know how to awnser Ruby.

"I understand that you don't have an answer, I don't either"

Ruby didn't seem to notice her partner's clueless attitude, she looked around and thought to investigate the building, she would invite Flower obviously, but then a shrill voice was heard.

"Ruby, don't you remember what I told you less than an hour ago?" Pencil's shouts made everyone start to look over to where Ruby was.

Pencil came pounding the floor with her footsteps. Her hands were on her waist and her expression showed pure anger.

Ruby had forgotten that prohibition, it was many years ago but that sentence reminded her, it was much easier with Pencil away, Ruby felt terrible for disobeying Pencil, and even more terrible for doing so only because Pencil was eliminated.

" Ruby you know you can't make friends with our enemies, what makes you think Flower won't betray you at any time? " Pencil was trying to sound reasonable.

Then Ruby remembered an excellent excuse she had used with Match in the past.

"Flower is not just a friend, she is a member of our team, so I can be with her"Ruby confidently closed her eyes.

Pencil raised a brow and Flower completely lost her senses. Ruby opened her eyes and saw the scene in front of her, something was wrong, What was happening to Pencil and Flower?

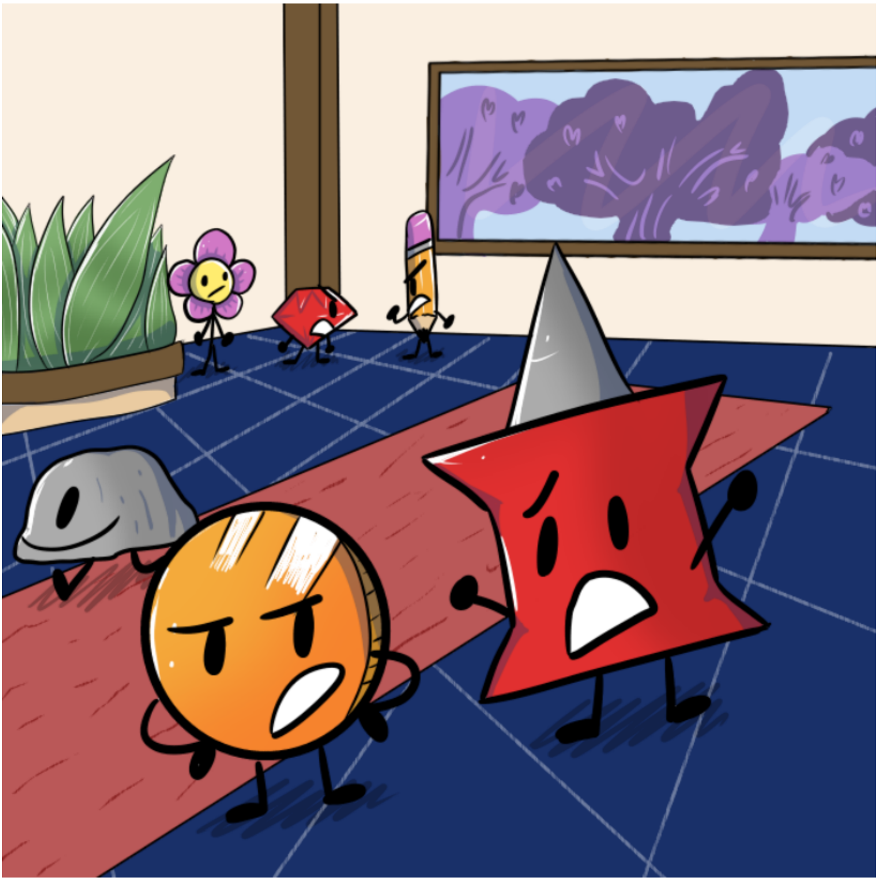
"Ruby stop talking nonsense, I have to find the rest of our alliance and I don't have time for your stories." Pencil was a bit upset.

Ruby did not feel at ease, that was not possible, Pencil was there at BFB along with her. Her constant joy suddenly disappeared, was replaced by a feeling of sadness for a few seconds, and then she lost her temper.

"YOU'RE NOT THE REAL PENCIL" Ruby stated, that was the only solution she saw to this problem.

Flower no longer knew if what was happening was real or not, it seemed like one of those dreams you have when you sleep too late, she just watched the scene.

While this was going on not too far away there was another discussion.



"But Coiny, we are best friends, partners in crime, how come you don't remember anything?" Pin was very afraid, she hoped it was a joke, a very bad joke. Coiny seemed to have no interest in being with her, or talking to her, it was like everything they had lived for years had just disappeared, well, not everything was gone, she still remembered it all.

"I don't even know who you are, you must have hit your head or something." Coiny had enough to do with having appeared in this strange place, he did not know who any of the objects around him were, he wondered why that girl with the strange accent was chasing him wherever he went, she must be confusing him with someone else, Coiny felt some pity for her.

Coiny stopped for a moment, turned around and looked Pin in the eye.

"We don't know each other, I don't know anything about you Tack or whatever your name is, please stop following me." Coiny shouted, Pin looked at him for a few seconds and her expression faded, then huge tears began to fall from her eyes. Coiny began to regret what he did, he just wanted some peace not to make her cry, he had screwed up.

While Coiny was trying to calm Pin down, on the other side of the room some non-object beings were sitting on the floor. Everyone who passed in front of them stayed for a few seconds to watch them.

"Nine, can you stop doing all those weird flashes? They're very irritating." Five complained as usual.

Nine ignored him completely, he had just met his new best friend, Jack russell terrier dog riding very fast with speed a skateboard as skater , with sunglasses in summer vacation, taking a selfie with smartphone or cell phone, or Selfie Dog for short. Together they had spent the whole afternoon checking Selfie dog's smartphone, taking photos and being irritating, at least from Five's perspective.

"Agh" sighed Five "AAGH" sighed louder to show his contempt.

Six and Eight were standing and leaning against the wall, just staring at the objects. Like everyone else, they didn't know what was going on.

"Do you think it's a good idea to go talk to them?" Six asked.

Eight did not really know what to answer, they did not believe that these objects represented any danger, but they were still strange people, they should not be trusted.

"I don't think it's a good idea, who knows what might happen?" Eight was trying to be cautious.

"Nine's friend doesn't seem to be a bad person, maybe they aren't either" Six wanted to be optimistic, but really, they were terrified.

"If that's what you think, go and talk to one of them." Six's stomach cramped, they had gotten themself into a terrible circumstance.

By trying to maintain their dignity, Six walked toward three objects that were talking. They looked small, almost adorable to them.

"Hellooo..." Six didn't know what to do, they never had to meet anyone at Equation playground, there were the other numbers and that was it, strangers were always far away.

"Oh hi, who are you?" Tree asked.

"I am Six and so... I... I..." they just looked at them.

"Sorry for... being nervous, it's my first time meeting new people." they admitted.

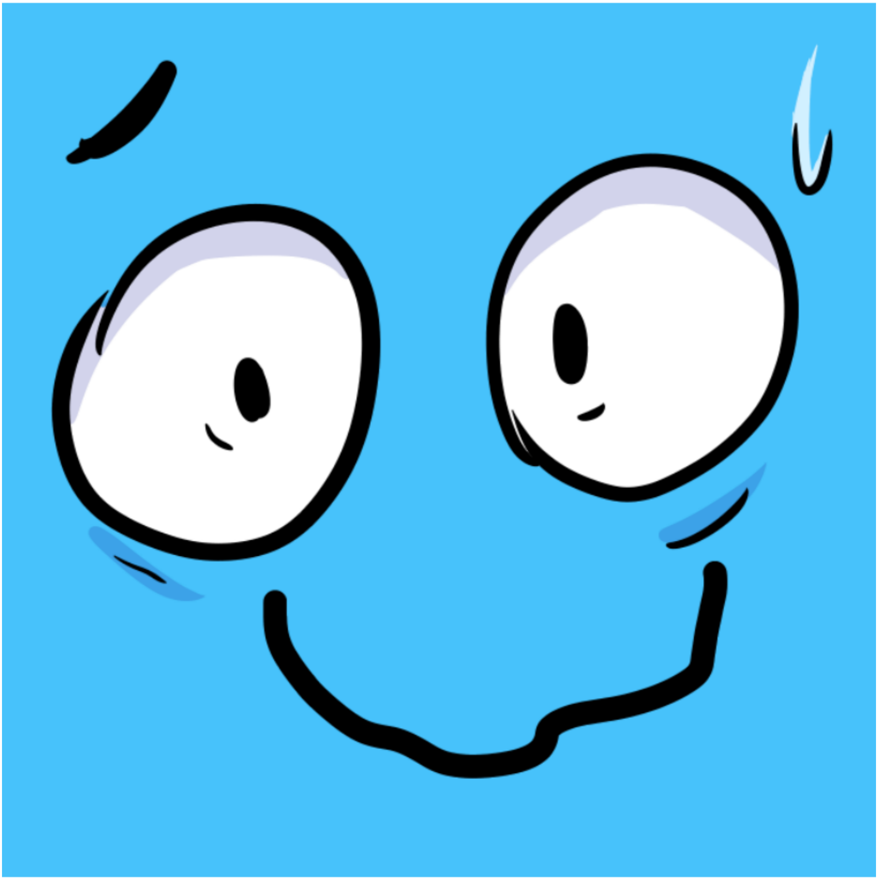
"No problem with that, take as much time as you want to adjust to meeting new people." Book said.

"Yeah, we're not going to laugh at you or anything." Tree added.

Six was quite surprised, surprised in a good way, it seemed that their theory was correct, those objects were good people.

"Grassy was telling what he remembers, you know, before mysteriously appearing in this place." Book commented while she looked at Grassy and pointed at him with both hands.

"Grassy was with his friends when they then told Grassy that it was Two's fault that our team did poorly on the challenge" Six became a little worried, was he talking about the Two they knew? "Then we all started hitting them, and I stomped them hard on the head several times." Maybe Six wouldn't have been so scared if Grassy wasn't smiling as he spoke.



Book and Tree were no fools and quickly realized that Six did not seem to like the story.

"Are you ok?" Book asked.

"Yeah, sure... I'm just going to... go over there for a while" Six walked back to where Eight was, Six was wearing a strange fake smile.

"And how did it go? Are they good people?" Eight's voice always sounded bland and boring, this time was no exception.

"Eight, don't make me come back, see that little one over there, he has faced Two and won, don't go by their appearances, these objects are strong." Nine, Five and Eight stared at they, they were completely silent, then looked to where the objects were with great concern.

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Six just assumed that Grassy beat Two single-handedly? Indeed.

I'll try to upload the next episode tomorrow, although I might end up getting it out in two days, drawings take time.

Meetings

X was lost in the forest, he was tired of walking, his mood was at rock bottom, waking up on an unknown island was not the main reason for his pessimism. Lost in thought he stumbled on a branch, but was too discouraged to get up; after several minutes lying on the floor he finally got up. X sat down under a tree and stood without making a sound, he just looked at the sky sadly.

"X, what's wrong?, you look depressed" Four had approached without X noticing.

X's eyes were filled with joy, he jumped on Four.

"You're alive, you're alive, I can't believe that you're alive" X was finally happy.

"Why? Did something happen to me?" Not at all the reaction Four expected.

"It's just that announcer thing showed up, and then you just melted into the ground and... and... I missed you a lot"

Both sat under the tree and stayed to watch the sky and the trees below the hill.

"X I think maybe I'm not who you think I am. I never melted on the floor or anything like that." Four said.

"You must have lost your memory, it must be one of the side effects of melting into the ground." X was in a very good mood.

"I guess"

"Well... do you remember how to use your powers?" X asked.

"Wait... I have powers?" Four was surprized.

"Hmmm... To make this easier can you tell me the last thing you remember?"

Four stood for a moment, thinking.

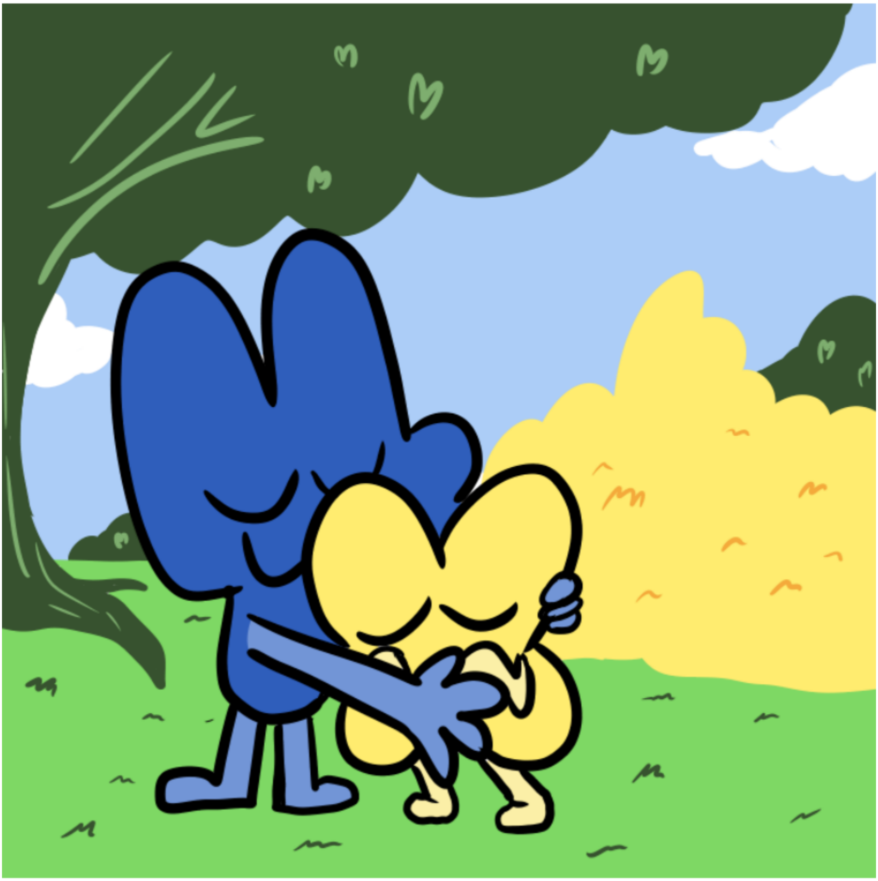
"The last thing I remember is, is walking through Equation playground on a sunny day"

"Wait, that's before or after.... Do you know what my value is?" X began to look worried.

"No, I don't know what it is, What is it?" Four said.

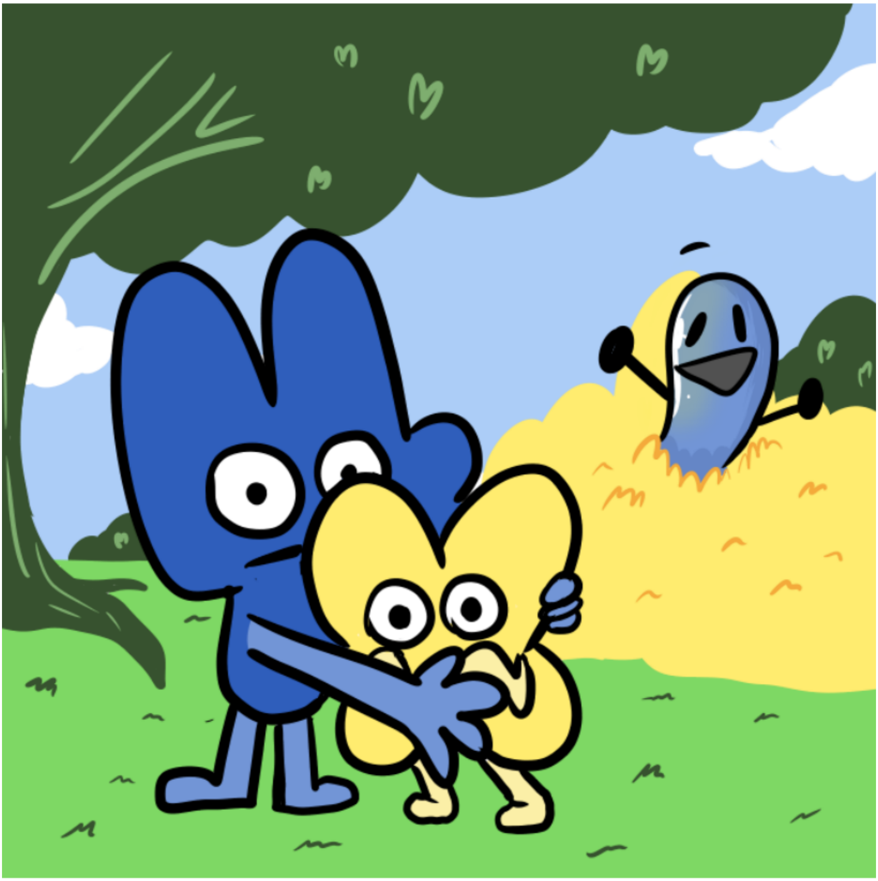
X sighed, his best friend didn't remember anything that had happened in the last 12 years, it would take some time to tell him everything that happened during that time, even with that X was not discouraged, it was impossible for him after having his friend back. Even after having Four in front of him, X still felt that it could not be real.

"Four can you hug me? I still can't believe you're really back."



Four just did it, it was kind of a long time.

"Hello my dear friends, a pleasure to meet you in this forest, sorry to bother you, I was just sitting here quietly in this bush when I heard you and thought I'd come out to say hello."



Then Drear-top appeared.

"You know? since I appeared in this mysterious place I've only met a handful of people, I'm glad to meet you, that doesn't mean I wouldn't be glad to meet other people, don't interpret it that way, I just like you especially, you know?" There is a reason why many realities do not have a Drear-top "I love sunny days, I love them, once on a day like this I came across a blade of grass and started to admire the blade for a while until then someone asked me: Drear-top what are you doing? and when I explained it he hit his forehead with his hand because we were in a meadow and you know that in meadows there are lots and lots of blades of grass, when I then realized that there was no point in what I was doing, I'm not even a botanist or anything like that, there was no reason to look at a blade of grass, so I stood up and looked up at the sky, the sky was beautiful that day, I saw a cloud that was shaped like a cloud, I'm not kidding, you know the typical cloud image that is usually used for logos and stuff, well that cloud was the same way" when she dies nobody wants to bring her back "you know? I always wanted to go up to a cloud, I always thought they would be very soft, although about a month ago I read that clouds are very cold, colder than the poles, I could not stand that cold, but I do like the cold, especially when there is snow, I love to play in the snow, but the clouds are not like snow, they are too cloudy, once when it was winter and I was making snow angels a-"

Four and X had already left but Drear-top was too focused on her monologue to notice. She probably stood there for several minutes talking to nothing before she realized.

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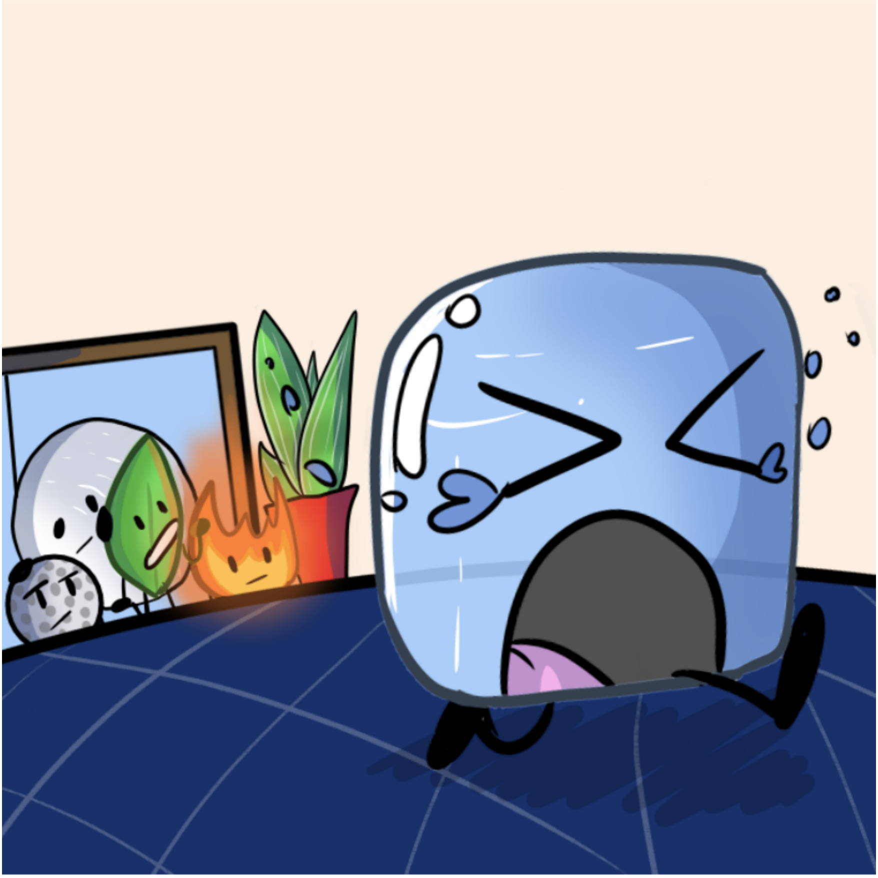
Leafy, Firey, Golf ball and Snowball finally arrived at the building, it was very large from the outside, it appeared to be at least 6 stories high. Leafy was beginning to notice that Firey was especially ***fiery***, very bright, maybe there was something wrong with him. On the other hand Firey could only think about what was happening to Snowball, that was not at all his normal personality, he could not imagine that in the future Snowball would become so insecure.

When Golf ball opened the door, the first thing everyone saw was Ice cube.

" Icy how nice to see you " Leafy said happily.

"NOO, NOO" Ice cube screamed and then she ran away.



Leafy was astonished.

"It was something I said?" Leafy asked.

"Probably not" Golf ball replied " If we all come from different timelines as Pillow said, you sure did something to Ice cube on a timeline making her terrified to interact with you"

"But I would be incapable of doing something like that" Leafy was a bit frustrated.

"THAT'S IT" Golf ball shouted "In some timelines there are people with changed personalities."

"I don't want to leave Ice cube alone only knowing that version of me, I have to show her how nice I am" Leafy looked to where Ice cube was, she was far away, almost on the other side of the building.

"Hey Firey, are you feeling well? you look especially shiny." Golf ball asked.

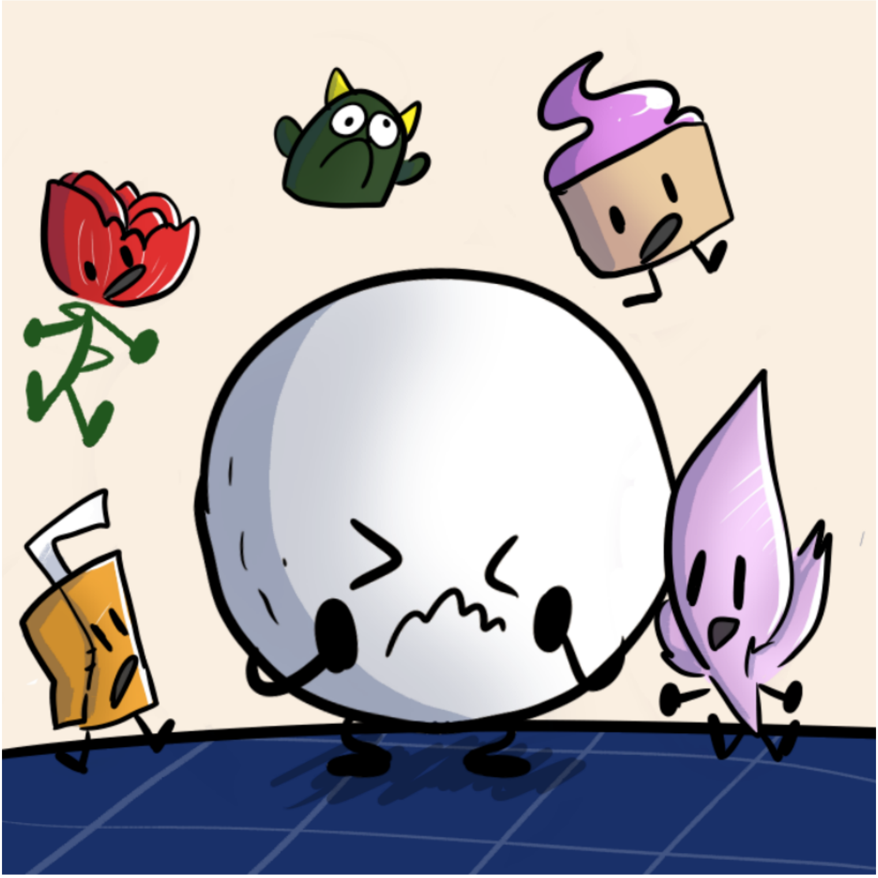
"Oh thank you very much Golf ball" Firey thought it was a compliment.

"No, seriously, the light emanating from your body is especially luminous, I'm afraid this place is leaking gas." Golf ball exclaimed "Wait... where is Snowball?" Golf ball superficially looked around and could not see her enemy.

"He was taken away by strange objects, I assumed they were his friends from the future." Said Firey nonchalantly.

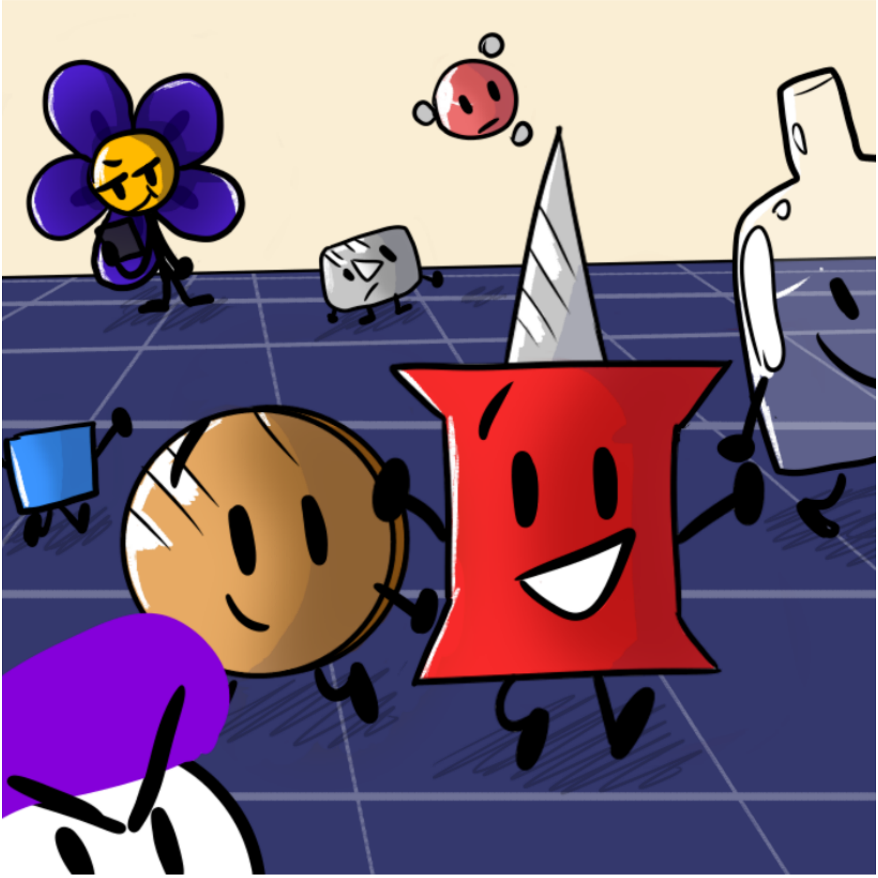
"WHAT?!"

Snowball didn't understand who they were or why they were asking him so many questions, had he done something wrong?.



Running out of time

Pin had already told him practically everything they had lived through in all those years, Pin didn't cry anymore, she seemed happy to tell him, sometimes she laughed at her own words. Coiny, although he had not lived through any of these adventures, was interested in her, Coiny had never really had any friends, no one to talk to or listen to stories from, that girl remembered all those things and they seemed to be good friends, she had told him that maybe he had lost his memory, Coiny liked to think about that, it was better than thinking he had never had anyone before. They were both walking while talking.



Donut approached, he had seen them and wanted to apologize, he had not been very nice to them last time. After spending two years in LOL he was eager to prove that he was not a bad person.

"Hey, Coiny, Pin, I want to talk to you" Donut sounded a little nervous.

"Who are you?" Coiny asked.

"Wha-"

"Donut, i need to say, Coiny has some kind of long term memory lost, he doesn't remember anything" Pin explained before even Donut asked.

"Wherever, I would like to apologize for being so mean last time, the contest was very unfair, it was not your fault that we lost and my rude attitude was not deserved." Donut felt really good after finishing those words.

Pin looked at him for a moment, she was beginning to guess that memory loss was something that happened to everyone. She remembered that apology many years ago. She just watched as Donut left and then a thought came to her mind, perhaps she was also under these effects and had also lost some of her memory.

Pin saw that Leafy was talking to Ice cube.

"Hey Coiny do you know who they are?" Pin knew that Coiny had interacted with the *group* long before her, so perhaps he would be able to recognize other objects before her.

"No, not at all, I don't know who any of the people here are." Well, apparently Coiny had such a white memory that he had forgotten even the events before BFDI, this would be a big problem.

Leafy noticed they were talking about her, so she ran to say hello.

"Hi Pin, Hi Coiny, I was talking to Ice cube about how I wasn't the evil version of me from another timeline but she didn't seem to understand anything." Leafy's voice sounded as animated as ever.

"Timelines?" Pin was confused.

"Oh right, you don't know, you see Pillow told us that each of us comes from a different timeline, from a different time and with small changes in events. Ice cube was very afraid of me so I tried to explain to her that I was much nicer than that version of me but Ice cube didn't understand."

"Wait, actually, that makes sense, Coiny you don't have memory loss, you just come from a timeline where you never met us in the first place this is great..." Pin sounded quite animated, but then she realized "wait no, let me correct myself, this is NOT great"

Leafy had pulled a notebook out of absolute nothing, in it she was writing down where everyone came from, it was hard to remember everything, she wrote a line and in it she wrote down the most important events "The start of BFDI" "The finale""Leafy is exiled without any actual reason" and many others.

Coiny felt a little bad, if what that leaf said was true then he was very unlucky, it meant he belonged to a timeline where he never knew his friends, he did not remember who all these people were, but that idea made him feel a huge emptiness inside him, it was a strange mixture of sadness, desolation and helplessness.

"Are you sure this is true?" Coiny asked to Leafy.

"Of course" She awnsered.

"This is so unfair, all that time I spent in loneliness, while others I were hanging out with you all."

"But now you are here, I am not going to leave you alone, we are best friends." Pin said.

"But I'm not your friend, it's another Coiny from another timeline, I'm nobody, nobody here is my friend, I have no friends." Coiny wanted to go back to moments ago, when he thought he just lost his memory.

Pin didn't know what to do, she didn't know what to say either, then she remembered BFDIA, she remembered the moment when she discovered she had no friends, he was there.Pin could not abandon him, whether or not he was the Coiny she remembered, she felt she owed Coiny a debt.Leafy was already gone, unnoticed by either of them, she went to attend to another matter.

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Golf ball was upset, really upset. She didn't like Snowball, at least her Snowball, the whiny anoying jerk she met in her timeline, but right now there were no recovery centers, she could not let her companions die if there was no way to bring them back, she looked everywhere and started to walk around the building, she brought Firey with her, she didn't want to lose any more friends. Firey still didn't understand the commotion.

"Firey this is serious, we have to find Leafy and Snowball soon, there are too many people in this place. Once we find them we will explain to everyone what Pillow told us, keep your eyes peeled."

"Golf ball I don't understand, what's wrong with all these people? they look friendly." Firey felt very comfortable with these *comrades from the future.*

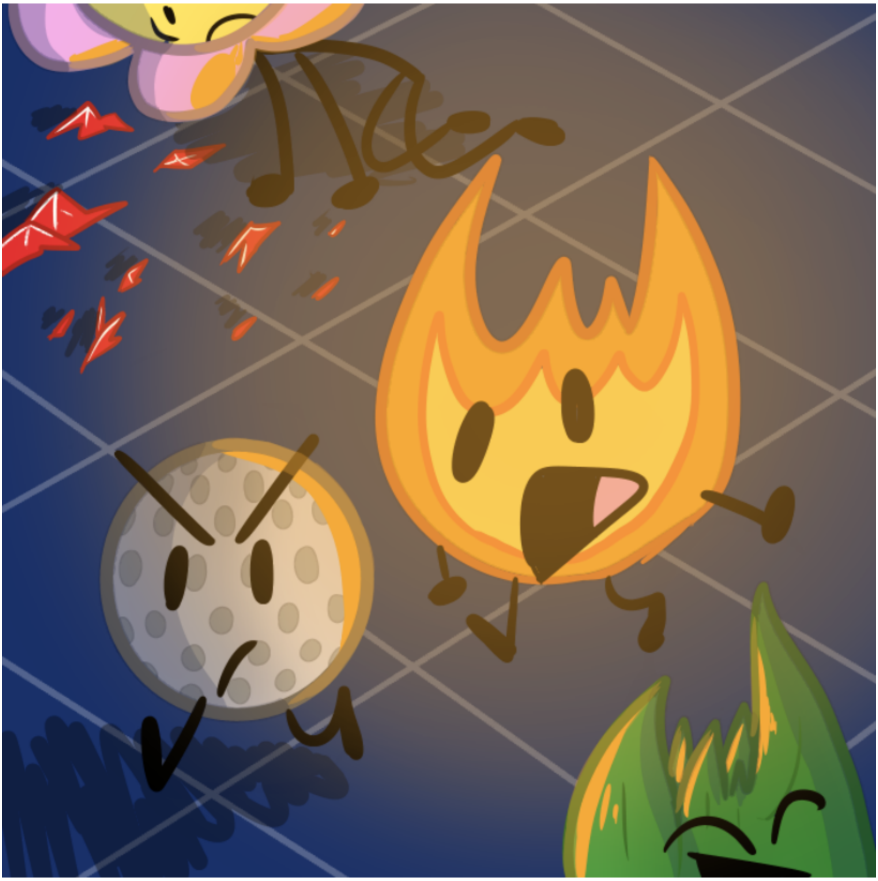
"I don't have time to explain, just look around and tell me if you see Leafy or Snowball." Golf ball was worried.

"I see Leafy, she's right there" Firey pointed at Leafy, she was standing next to Flower, a bit away from where they were standing.

"Well done Firey now follow me" Firey did not want to follow her.

They both went to where Leafy was.

"What is that on the floor?" Firey asked, but Golf ball did not answer because she had no idea either.



"Nice to see you guys even though it's not a very good moment" Leafy sounded a little uncomfortable.

"Leafy we have to find Sno-" Golf ball was interrupted.

"Leafy, what's that on the floor?" Firey asked.

The bright red fragments reflected the abnormal light that Firey produced.

"Ruby just died, I know you guys have no idea who she was." Leafy sounded a bit down.

Golf ball looked at the ground, she had never met this Ruby but her death made her nervous. Firey held up one of the fragments and then looked back to where Flower from the future seemed to care about what had happened.

"Four can get her back, sure he is still walking in the forest or something." Leafy said as she noticed the worried faces of her friends.

"Leafy, as I was saying before, we need to find Snowball. Some strangers took him away" Golf ball sounded less bossy than usual.

The three of them walked through the place, it was difficult to find their way around because it was crowded. Leafy then noticed where Snowball was, so they went in that direction. He seemed to be surrounded by these strange objects.

"Em... Hello?" Leafy tried to get their attention.

They looked at her, they didn't seem to know her and they didn't seem to care much about her either.

"Sorry to bother you, but I think it is possible that you may have stolen our friend" Leafy didn't want to think that they might be bad people, she didn't want more misunderstandings "Can you please return him?"

"Sorry eh... I don't know your name, anyway, Snowball is our host and will be staying with us, so no, we are not going to return him" Said Pastel feather with an arrogant tone. She came with Frozen Yogurt.

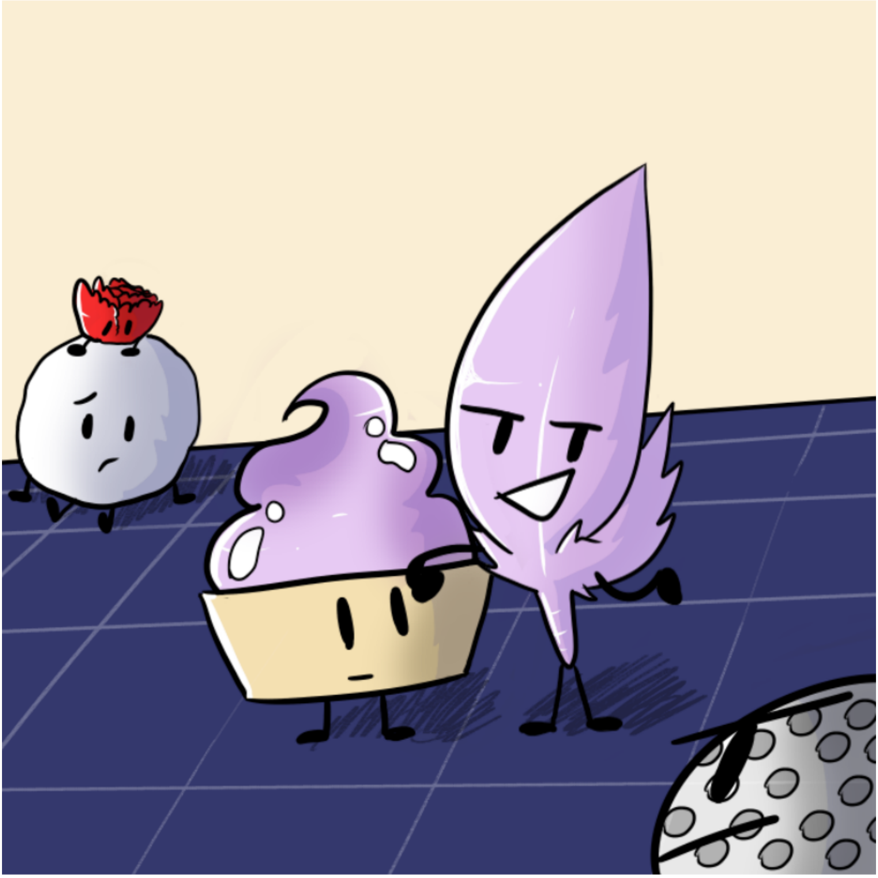
"but we-"

"I gave you your answer, now go away" Pastel feather was not very nice.

Leafy was mad but she said nothing, just crossed her arms and glared angrily. Golf ball stepped forward, she had to find a way to get him back.

"You know...this whole thing is a huge mess, it turns out there are multiple timelines and-"

"We already know, the little dog with the long name told us, that's why we need him, we have to stick together, that includes our hosts" Pastel feather's voice was quite mocking. She was leaning on Frozen Yogurt now.



"He is not your host, he is a contestant, ask him if you want and you will see that he is not the same Snowball. He's from a timeline where he participated in BFDI" Golf ball tried to be reasonable.

"I don't care if he's from a timeline where he never met us, he's going to stay with us, it's my decision and it's final" Pastel feather sounded irritated, tired of this discussion.

Pastel feather and Golf ball looked at each other for several seconds, neither seemed willing to lose the discussion.

"Hey, is your friend okay?" Frozen Yogurt asked.

"Huh..." Leafy looked over to where Firey was standing and saw how much brighter and bigger he had become.

"Firey! oh my tree, are you okay buddy?"

"Yeah" Firey claimed.

"Oh no, now I have one more problem to solve, Firey get out of this place right now!" Golf ball was terrified "If the leak continues to grow, the entire building will explode"

"Should I get Firey jr out of here too?" Leafy asked.

"Firey what?!"

"I'm going to be a dad?" Firey looked excited.

"I'll take that as a yes"Leafy said before running off.

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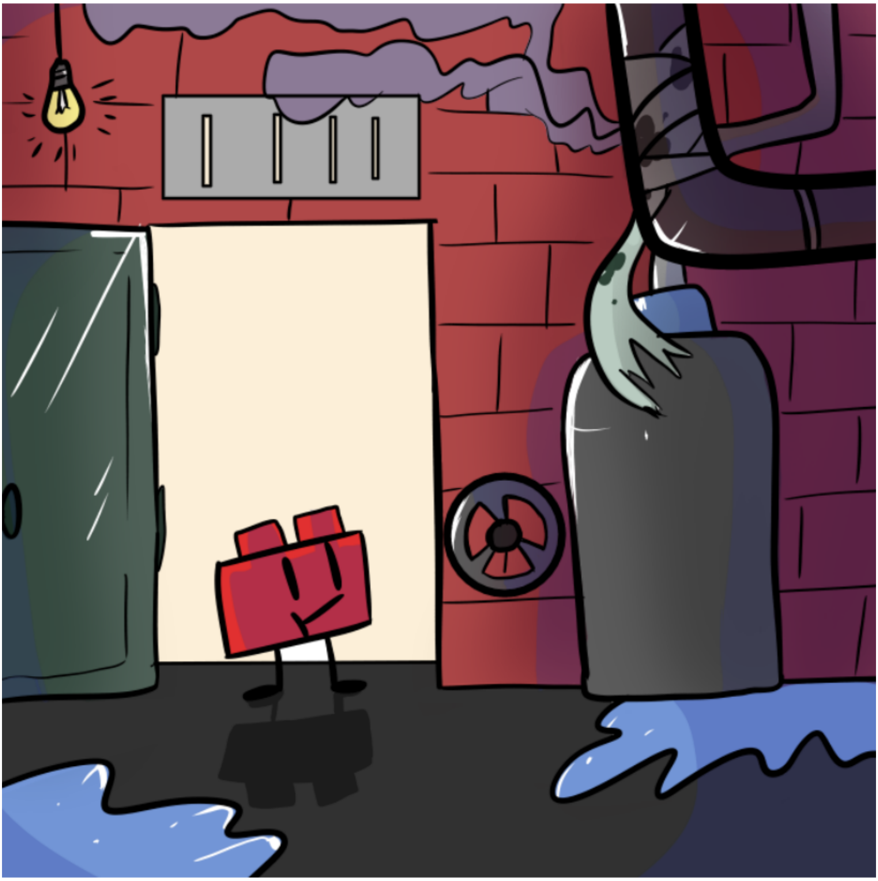
Lego Brick was short on time, due to the smell in the air he had noticed a gas leak in the building, he didn't want to die so he was exploring the rooms looking for the leak. The others were too busy talking to each other to notice, but for Lego Brick it was something very serious, since he died that time he had prepared himself for any kind of catastrophe, he knew very well how to identify a gas leak.

He walked through the hallways until he found a metal door, it looked armored but it was open.



There were many pipes and knobs, the smell of gas was even more intense, he had been lucky.

He walked in a hurry, following the aroma that was becoming more and more unbearable, it was dangerous to inhale these gases, but he had no other choice. When he saw that broken pipe he felt encouraged, he moved a lever with his foot, turning off the heater and preventing more gas from escaping.

Now Lego brick had to figure out how to turn on the ventilation system, he didn't know which of those levers and knobs were connected to the ventilation system, it would take him a while to figure it out. As he looked around and analyzed the room, he complained about how outdated the place was, it looked like an engine room from four centuries ago.

As the ventilation system was still off Lego Brick was still breathing propane gas, he was slowly becoming unconscious, as the floor was wet Lego Brick fell, but he was already drowsy and did not get up.

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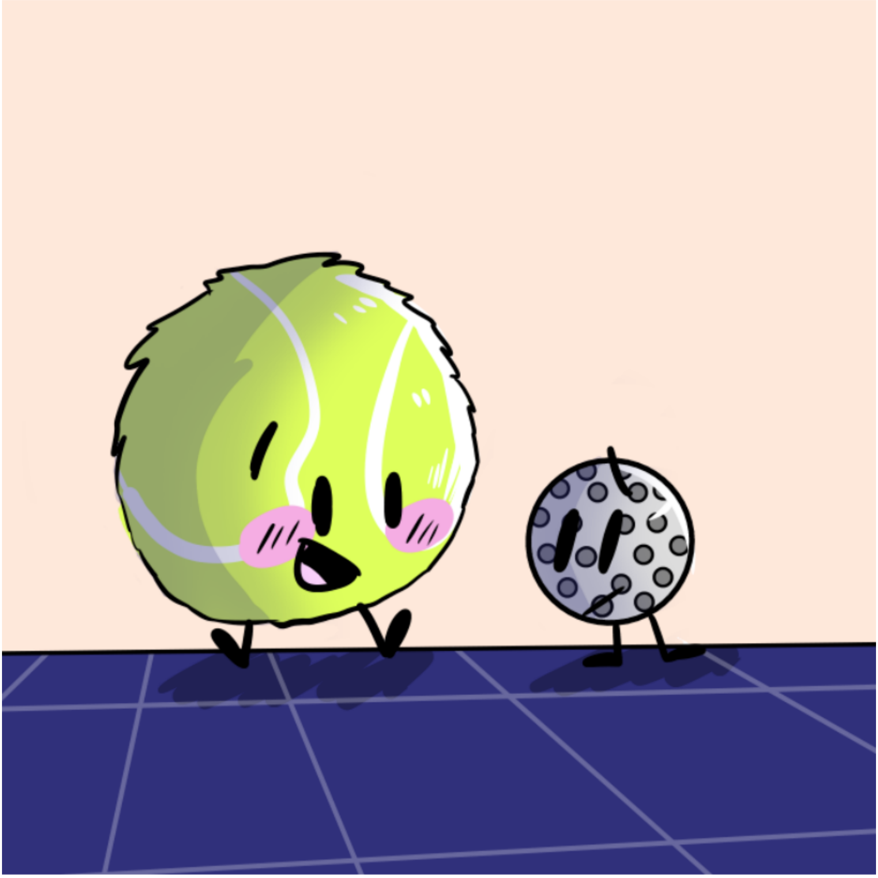
It took me a long time to do this because my sister spilled water on my keyboard and it prevented me from typing comfortably.

I hope to get a new chapter out tomorrow, this week I don't have classes so I think I'll be able to do a lot of chapters.

Smoke

Golf ball ran in search of stopping the gas leak, while walking she ran into her best friend, she felt great to see him. Tennis ball was the reason she had wanted to get there in the first place. he was blushing for unknown reasons and seemed equally happy to have found her.

"Oh Golf ball I feel so grateful to see you again, I've been looking for you everywhere" Tennis ball looked very happy, he was jumping up and down happily.



"It is also a great pleasure for me to see you but now I have a problem I have to solve, see you later TB" Golf ball just walked away, as much as she would have loved to chat with TB, Golf ball was now in an urgent situation.

"See you later sweetie" Golf ball was already somewhat far away when she heard it, that phrase was quite out of place, she was aware of the implications that could have, but she preferred to ignore it and try to think that the TB of that timeline was not what she was thinking.

After a while she came across a corridor, and when she checked she saw that one of the doors was open, and a line of smoke was coming out of the door. Golf ball approached the door, it was hard to breathe, when in the distance she saw someone lying on the floor, probably unconscious because of the smoke she thought. She walked away from the door coughing and started to think of a plan, headed back to the great hall of that building and then saw someone who could be of use to her.

Fanny was having a terrible day, she had magically appeared in that place and as soon as she met the only person who didn't make her nerves go through the roof, she died. Fanny hated that building, hated all those people walking by her, hated that strange smell in the air, hated everything that passed over her field of vision.

"You, I don't know your name but I need you to ventilate a room full of smoke, follow me" commanded Golf ball.

"I hate you" Fanny shouted.

"Whatever follow me, I need you to do this" Golf ball shouted back.

"I hate helping, i hate to follow other people" Fanny was too upset with life to listen to reason, she wasn't interested in why Golf ball wanted her help, now Fanny just wanted to be alone.

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Pencil and Flower stood picking up Ruby's pieces, fully aware that it was useless to bring her back, but it was better that the floor wasn't covered with shards of sharp crystal. Pencil also felt responsible for Ruby dying in the first place, technically she was, but if you asked her, she would say it was self-defense.

"Do you know anything about what leafy said earlier?" Flower asked to Pencil.

"I don't know, what did leafy said earlier?"

"Something about a four that travels through the forest and can recover Ruby" Flower had finally finished picking up the pieces scattered on the floor.

"Honestly, I have never heard about anything like that" Pencil said "also, why do you care? When did you become friends with her in the first place?"

"with Ruby or with Leafy?" Flower asked.

"With Ruby obviously" pencil clarified with an irritated tone "She just bringed you back for no reason, I don't even know how she knew you existed"

"I don't know either, but after listening to all the timeline crap I think I can intuit that, at least in the timeline she was in, we were friends" Flower said "And that makes me feel very happy because I want to have friends"

"Hmm you don't seem to be much like the Flower I remember, I guess I just had the bad luck to be in the timeline where you're an asshole" Pencil laughed a bit.

Flower felt a little uncomfortable with that comment, she already assumed that was the way everyone saw her but now, having it confirmed made her feel strange.

"Yeah sure" she said hesitantly.

"Now that I remember, there were some weird ones in that corner, they looked like poorly drawn scribbles of numbers, maybe they know something about the four thing walking around in the woods" Flower was relieved that she changed the subject.

They walked until they reached the corner, where four numbers were standing.

"What do you want, sinister beings?" Six he said with a broken voice.

"Chill down bro" Nine replied.

"Well... we wanted to ask you-" Flower was interrupted.

"How do you want me to chill down? You know well what they are capable of, I don't want to die" Six looked annoyed.

"Eh..." Flower wanted to tell them why she was coming but it didn't seem like a good time.

"No big deal" Nine said.

"What do you mean by that? Do you want our partner and friend Six to die? I can't believe what you are saying, you disappoint me" Five was completely furious, as usual.

"That's not what I said dude, the thing is that-"

"If you think there is no a big deal, then why are you still here? Why don't you go and tour and make friends with these monsters?" Six shouted.

"huh... Maybe because when I try to do it, you start whining for me not to" Nine spoke with an almost sarcastic tone.

"That happens 'brother' because Six does care about your life, unlike you with theirs"

"Stop saying I don't care about Six's life" Six, Five and Nine started arguing all at once, shouting at each other.

Flower and Pencil looked at each other confused, the other number sighed and approached them.

"They're going to be arguing for a while, hello I'm Eight" Eight spoke to them in the same dull tone.

"Finally we can start talking, your friends seem very problematic" Pencil said.

"Yes, 12,000 years of living together and they still can't stand each other, what to you want to ask?"

"You see, we wanted to know if you guys know of a four who can recover people or something like that?" Flower asked, she felt intimidated.

"Oh sure, Four can recover, I'm sure he's on this island too, you guys want to revive someone don't you?" Eight asked.

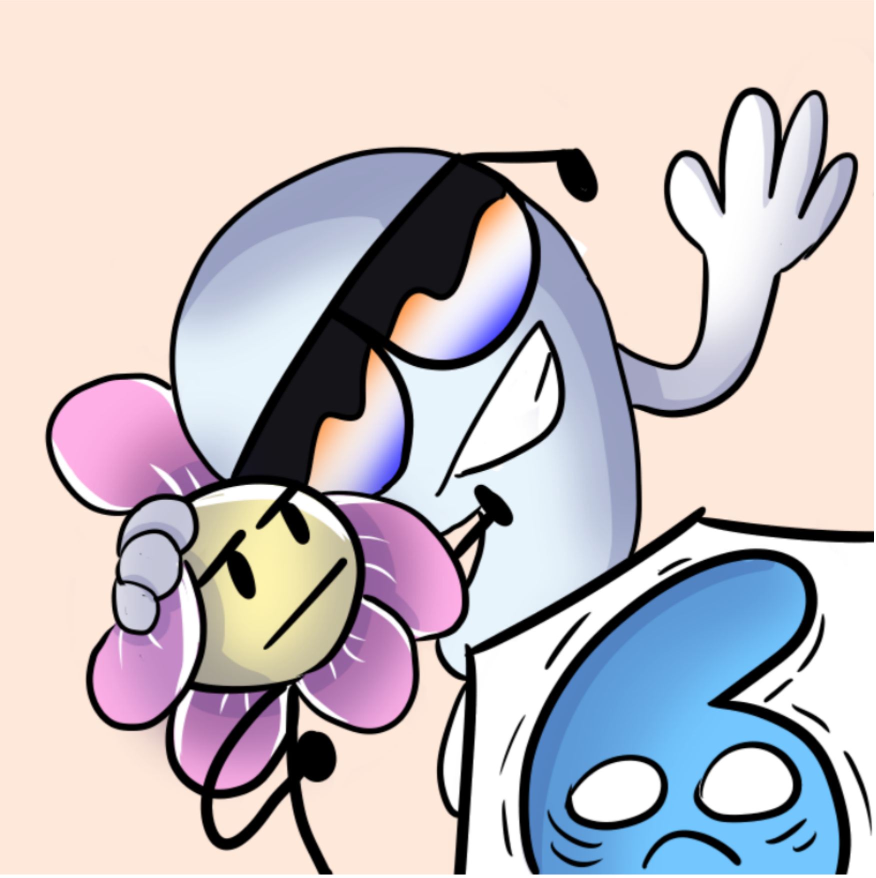
"Yes, that's exactly what we want, we were hoping you could help us" Pencil said.

Then one of the voices in the discussion was silenced.

"I can help you" said Nine getting up and approaching.

"Nine, Eight, come back" said Six nearly whispering.

"Enough bro, stop hyperventilating over this" Nine to show his point, approached Flower trying to hug her.



"Anyway, like I said, I can help you" After saying that, Selfie dog took a picture of him "I can recover your friend" All the numbers looked at each other in confusion after that sentence.

"Since when can you get people back?" Six asked.

"Remember when I left after you kicked Seven and sent him away? well, I made that time count."

"So all this time, I was worrying about not dying because I was afraid it would be permanent, and you were always able to recover, and you didn't say anything about it" Six was upset.

"Can you whiny numbers get my friend Ruby back and then fight amongst yourselves" Pencil was impatient, she had wasted enough time, it was as if the universe was conspiring against her, or at least that's how she felt.

"I need to know what she looked like, my skate bro Selfie dog has a lot of photos, find one of her and I'll get her back on the count of three" Nine said.

"Flower grab that smarthphone and look for the photo, also look for a picture of Bubble she surely died already" Flower quickly obeyed and began to search for the photos. Pencil liked to command Flower, being her enemy, and being able to command her was quite satisfying.

When she finally found both photos Flower sighed in satisfaction. In a few seconds they were both back.

"Ruby Bubble" Pencil was happy.

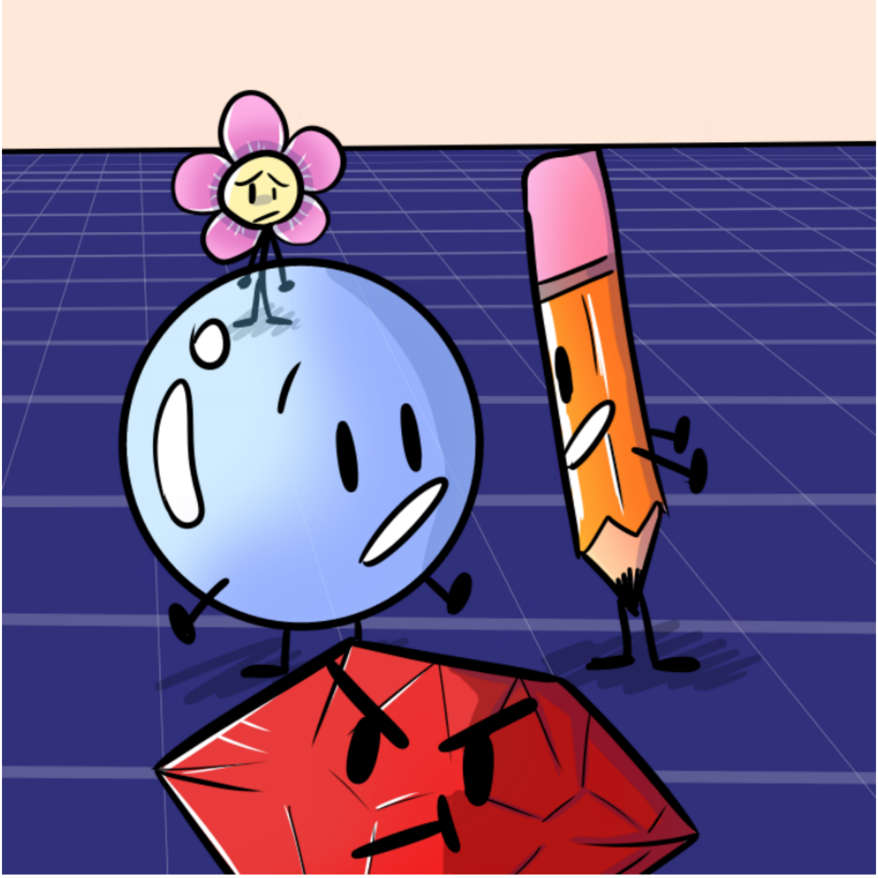
"Oh no, I have to find Fanny" Bubble exclaimed.

"Don't talk to me fake Pencil" Ruby hadn't changed at all.

"Flower I have to solve this problem with my alliance so... I'd like... you know... you to leave, I don't want you meddling in our business"

"but-" Flower tried to reply.

"It was nice to meet the non-terrible version of my biggest enemy but you know, we don't really need you here, look on the bright side, there are hundreds of new strangers you can go make friends with, see you later" Pencil went to talk to Bubble, leaving Flower alone.



Bubble was nervous, she wanted to get back to Fanny, she had died in the middle of a conversation and she was sure Fanny would be upset about it.

"Bubble hadn't seen you for so long" Pencil was happy to have her alliance almost complete, only Match was missing.

"I'm glad to see you too, but Pencil I need you to help me find

Fanny"

"I don't know who you are talking about" Pencil would like to have someone to tell her about all those things that are supposed to have happened to her friends.

"Don't trust her Bubble, she's not the real Pencil" Ruby said "She killed me a while ago"

"What?" Bubble backed away from Pencil.

"Wait, that's not true, what happens is that I belong to a timeline where the things that you lived never happened, ask Leafy if you want"

"Yeah right, and that makes a lot of sense, Bubble I'm sure this is a challenge, we have to find out who are not fakes" Ruby had regained her cheerful attitude.

Ruby and Bubble walked away, they were going to find Fanny together, Bubble was sure that Fanny was not a fake. Pencil on the other hand had been left alone.

After a few minutes of walking they came across Fanny, who was being pushed by Golf ball. Bubble rushed over to meet her friend again.

"Fanny, I am soirry we could not continue our coinversation"

"Bubble, Ruby I need your help, there is someone trapped in a smoke-filled room, I need to hurry or they will die" Golf ball shouted "She doesn't want to help me, make her see reason"

"I hate you" Fanny said to Golf ball.

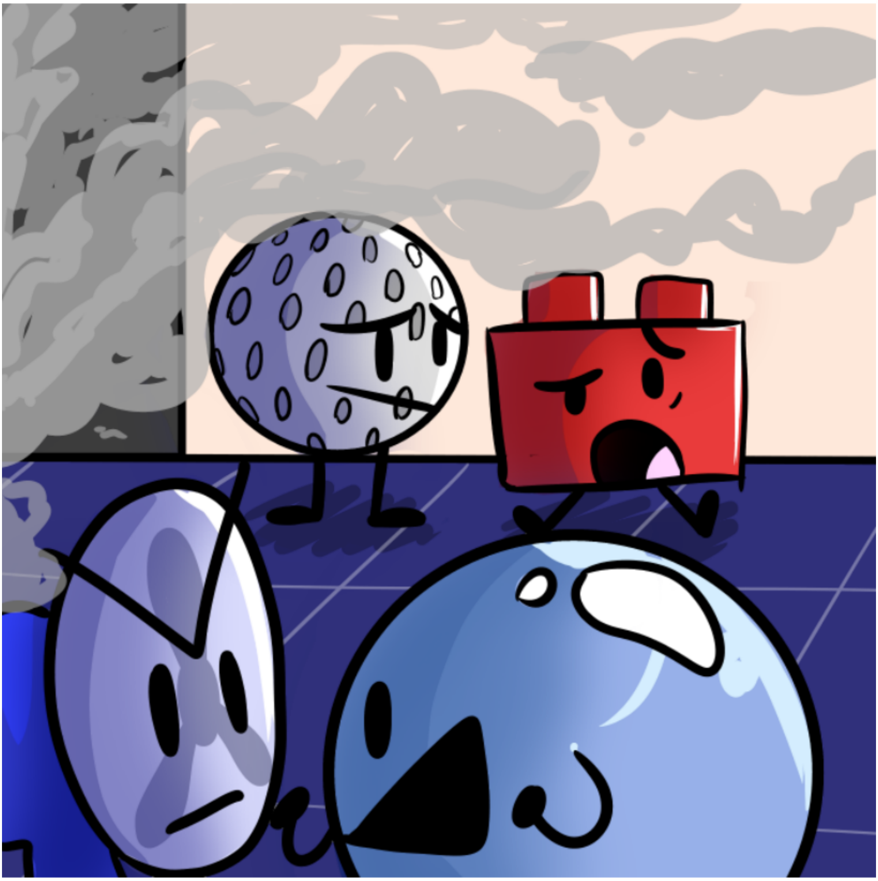
"Fanny we have to help with this, we can't let someone die like that" Bubble said "Plus, it's sure to take a few minutes"

Fanny then stopped struggling, and simply followed Golf ball, Ruby and Bubble did too. As they walked down the hallway the smoke became more and more visible, Fanny began to *fan*. As the smoke cleared, Golf ball entered the room and found Lego brick lying on the floor.

She moved him, held one of Lego Brick's feet in her mouth and pulled him out of that room.

Golf ball returned after taking it out, she wanted to see where all the smoke was coming from, then noticed that the gas system was under enormous pressure which was heating a nearby kerosene generator and two water pipes. Golf ball looked for some kind of instruction or something to handle it, but found nothing. She saw a knob to one side, she didn't know what it did but she turned it to the left anyway, then moved a lever, releasing some of the gas.

When she left the room, she found Lego brick, who had already woken up, although he was babbling nonsense. Bubble was giving Fanny compliments, although she still had her usual expression.



"Hey, are you okay?" Golf ball asked to Lego brick.

Lego brick coughed a little "I'm not okay, but at least I'm not dead... wait a minute, I know you"

"Really?" Golf ball was surprized.

"You appeared in my underground factory"

"I do remember that" Bubble said.

"Lego brick my old friend, I thought we would never see you again and that you had died after Evil leafy was crushed" Ruby said while holding Lego brick.

"I also thought we would never see each other again. I don't remember the part about Evil leafy being crushed, though" Lego brick said "Golf ball do you remember the machine we built to get them out of Evil leafy? it was fantastic"

"Not really, I think this is a good time to explain something to you" Golf ball explained everything she already knew, Ruby felt guilty as she listened to the story, what Pencil had said turned out to be true, but she was still upset with Pencil for killing her.

Everyone left, Ruby wanted to find Pencil and fix things, Fanny and Bubble left to continue their pending conversation.Lego Brick left to find his friends and Golf ball had to let Leafy know that everything had been resolved.

Just...

Leafy was holding Firey jr from one of his limbs, Firey jr did not look very happy about the situation, he was trying to reach Leafy or the ground, or anything to be free again. Leafy had no choice but to do so, Firey Jr. was reluctant to listen to her, he had to go out whether he wanted to or not.

"Release me, let me go, let me go, when you put me down you will see how I'll burn you!" Firey jr shouted causing several people to look at the situation. Leafy said nothing, just walked faster.

"Sorry Firey jr I know this is not very nice, but this is a life or death situation, literally" Leafy whispered to him trying to avoid people's stares. Firey jr crossed his arms and grumbled.

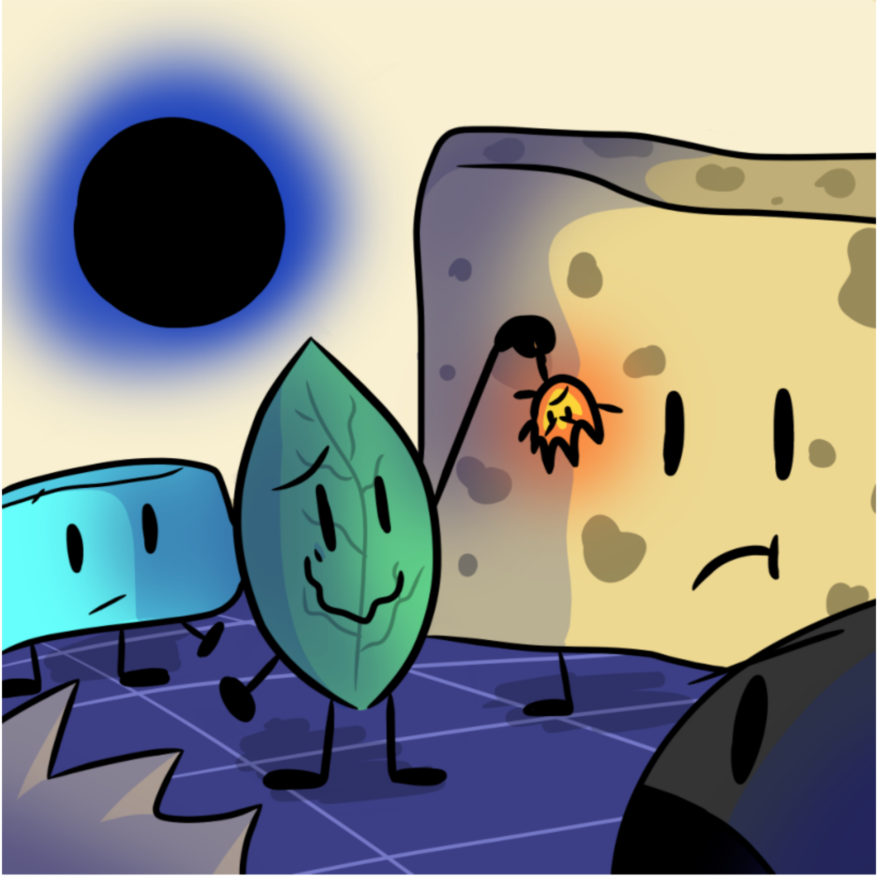
Then from the crowd a high-pitched voice was heard, everyone turned to see where it was coming from.

"Leave Firey jr alone Leafy" Bomby shouted angrily.

"Oh Bomby I didn't expect to find you here, don't worry I'm not going to hurt him, I'm just going to take him outside" A ring of people surrounded Leafy now, this situation did not sit well to her. She spoke in a stutter, without the right context she could look very bad .

"Why do you want to take him out? he has the same right to be here as you do, I want you to take him down immediately" Bomby was pointing at Leafy to denote dominance, she cringed.

"yeah" Firey jr. said in agreement.



The murmurs from the crowd started to get louder and louder, Leafy was trapped, but then she thought a very stupid idea. She saw that one of the windows was open, but it was very far away, 10 meters (32.8 feet), she was under great pressure so without thinking much she threw Firey jr with all her strength in that direction.

Firey Jr flew through the air as he screamed for help, unfortunately for Leafy, he didn't go through the window, instead he landed on a pot, setting a plant on fire.

"You know? I really like you, I think I could even say that you are my new best friend, I know it's weird because less than an hour ago we didn't even know each other but still" Drear-top had started to follow Conch Shell for no specific reasons.

Shelly wasn't really aware of Drear-top's presence, but at least she wasn't running from her.

Firey Jr ran out from between the plants through both of them.

"Hi little fire how are you?, look I'm Drear-top and this is Shelly, that's what your name was right? Anyway, it's nice to meet you, I hope we'll be friends"

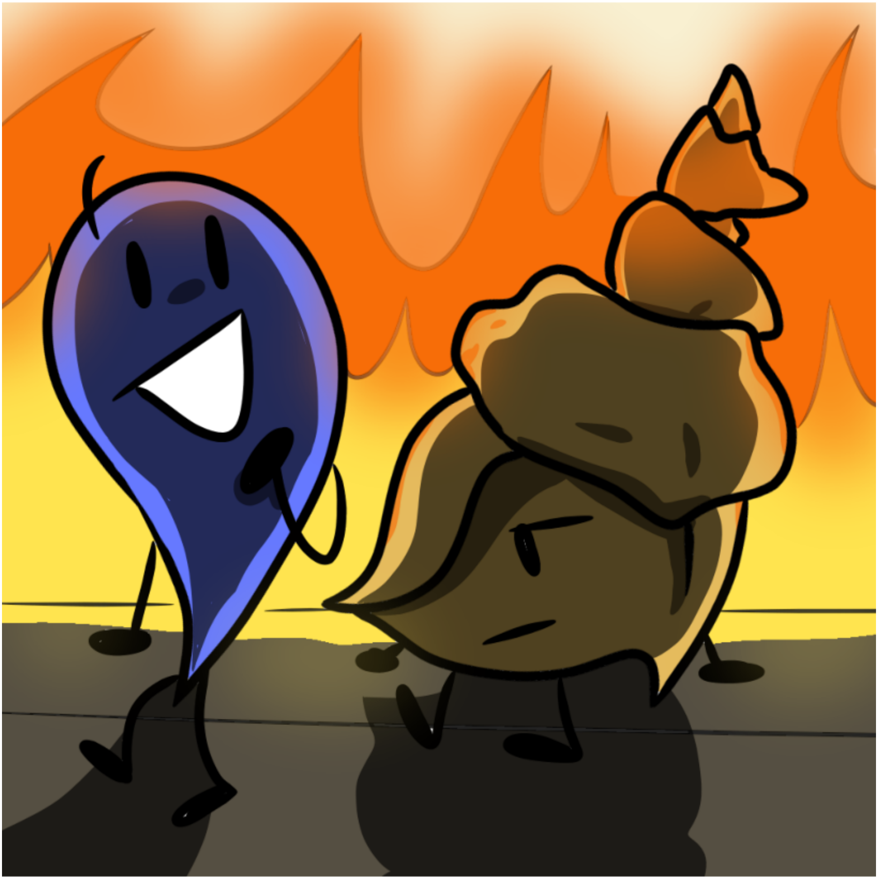
Firey Jr turned around and watched Drear-top a bit, in Firey jr's eyes she was a complete abomination but he didn't want to make more enemies, at least not today.

"Oh hi i'm-"

"Oh cool, Now that we are friends I want to tell you something that happened to me once when I was with a friend of mine, a friend that is not you of course, that doesn't mean I don't like you, I like you a lot my friend, anyway I was with a friend and we were about to go to a place to see shooting stars, I love shooting stars they are so beautiful and they also grant wishes, well some people say that shooting stars are just rocks from space, that sounds really good rocks from space rocks from space rocks from space.Sometimes I feel that life needs some magic to be interesting, you know, even though space rocks sound interesting they make wish fulfillment impossible and that makes me very sad, once I was very sad, it was when I had a hamster that died, I don't remember why but I cried for days, don't feel bad it was many years ago but I still remember it..." Drear-top said without even thinking.

Firey Jr was impressed, Drear-top was talking and talking non-stop, and never ran out of topics, really impressive.Although being impressive didn't make it interesting, she didn't stop and Firey Jr only left when he saw her distracted, he didn't like having to do it, although he did it anyway.

"Oh no, little fire is gone, I can't believe this is the fifth time this has happened to me today, people here are very rude except for you Shelly, you are polite not like those others, you know once i was...."



Conch Shell did not pay much attention to Drear-top, she just wanted to go back to the hotel and see her friends, how sad was her life, why did she have to be the most unfortunate creature on earth, maybe she had some curse on her, at least that is what Shelly thought.

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Lego brick walked in search of his friends Tune and Waffle, although he feared that as well as Golf ball they would not recognize him. Sure, GB was his friend, but Waffle and Tune had been his friends for so many more years, it was hard to imagine not having them or not being able to remember them.

As he was walking along he was distracted and worried with the whole timeline thing, then he bumped into Pie.

"Oh hey, i'm sorry, i wasn't paying attention"

"it's ok, at least I didn't explode, so I have prevented a death... kinda" Lego brick found that expression strange. Pie looked at Lego brick "Have you seen my team?, I've been looking for them for a while. They are a tree, a black hole, a writing pen, a remote control and a bottle"

Lego brick paused to think for a few seconds, he remembered seeing a black hole, but it was before he almost suffocated to death in the lever room. Surely they would be gone by now.

"I saw one of your friends but it was quite a while ago, I don't know if it would be of any help to you"

"Okay, I'd better start looking for water, there is a small fire in a pot, if it spreads it could cause many deaths, I have to keep the team's philosophy alive" Pie walked away but Lego brick followed her.

"So... what exactly does your team do, do you prevent deaths?" Lego brick was interested in the 'philosophy' Pie had mentioned.

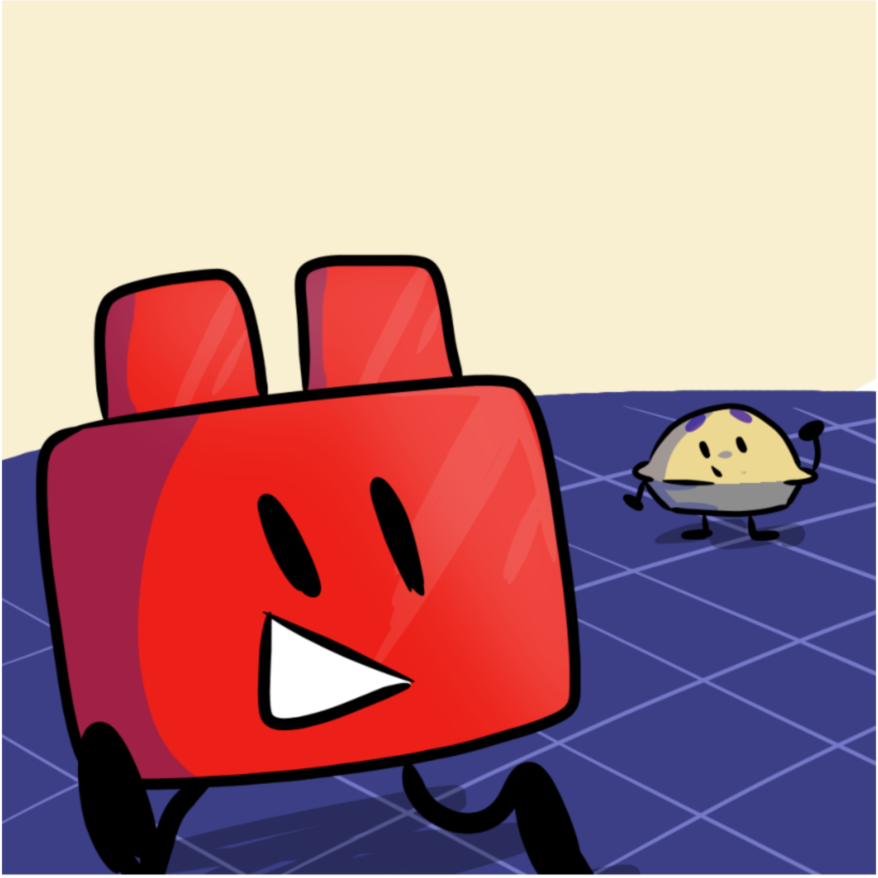
"Yes, that's exactly what we do, we are all about preventing death and creating trust, as Bottle would say" Pie then noticed that Lego brick was dumbfounded, she looked at him with intrigue "What? What's wrong? Did I say something wrong?"

"Oh no, no! quite the contrary, it's just that, I want to help you and if possible join your team"

"You don't participate in the battle for bfdi, I don't think Four will let you be in our team" said Pie with a blank expression.

"In that case, I'll join the battle for whatever you were talking about and join your team, or else I'll help them prevent deaths out of the contest i don't know. This is the first time I have seen people say it is not a lost cause" Pie was confused, what a strange guy. Lego brick was quite happy to have found people who wanted to be against killing.

"Oh! I've been holding you up, you had to go get water, I'd better go, I'll see if I can find your teammates and my friends, I have lots of ideas to prevent deaths I assure you!"Lego brick said as he walked away and left Pie to fetch water, when he was a bit far away he realized something "My name is Lego brick" he screamed and Pie awnsered "I'm Pie"



For Pie that had been quite surreal, out of nowhere a complete stranger had joined her cause, preventing deaths, How likely was that? Not much she thought, still she felt happy, there is no reason to feel bad because there are more people willing to prevent deaths.

Lego brick may have been being unrealistic, but at least that encounter changed his mood, he was now optimistic and didn't think all the time about the disaster of the timelines.

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Outside the building, Firey was sitting, waiting for any of his friends from the future to approach. he didn't want to blow up a building full of people inside, or maybe he would...? nah sure those were just intrusive thoughts. There was no way that was really going to happen.

Then he wondered, if in the future he would have all those strangers as friends. It would be very difficult to make time for so many people, Firey thought, although on his birthday he would get lots and lots of presents, he liked that, oh! but if he had many friends he would have to buy presents every day, he didn't have that much money, having lots of friends is hard he thought.

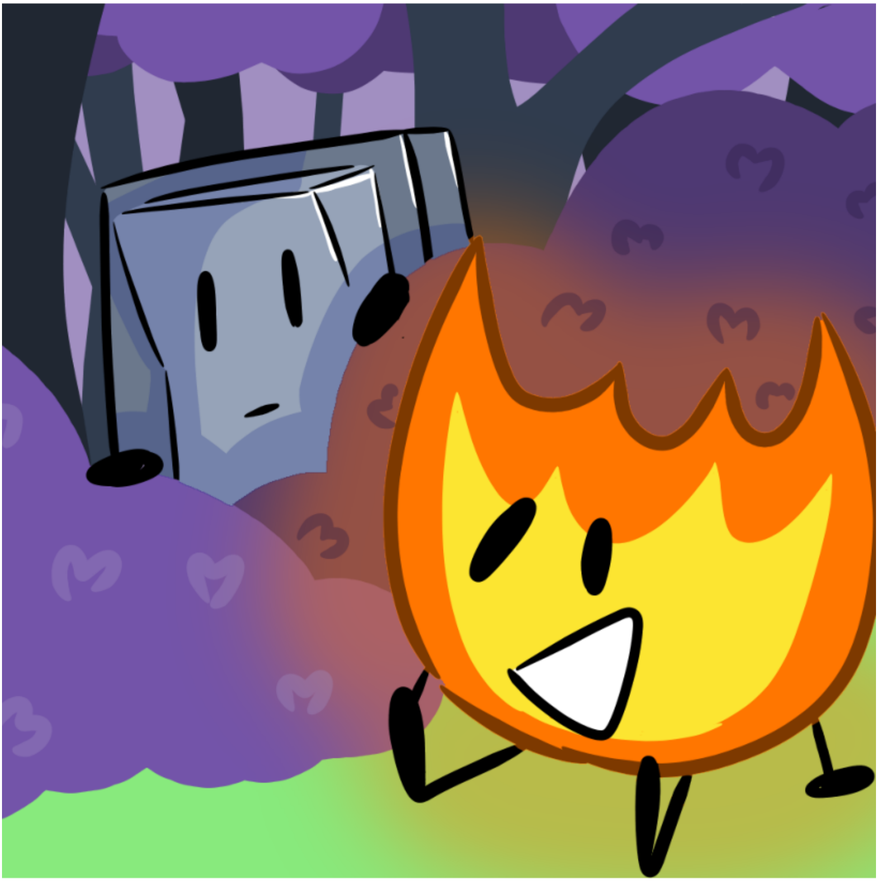
Then Firey remembered that in the future he would win Dream Island, and began to wonder who he should let pass, Leafy would be the first for sure, then he would put Snowball and Match, maybe also Bubble, but he would never put Flower or Coiny. Then he heard a sigh from the bushes, what a mystery, a breathing bush.

"Hey Bush, What's your wisdom?" Firey asked.

"What? i'm not a bush!" said the bush.

"Then what are you? because i see you as a bush, are you a shape shifter?" Firey said.

Liy came out from the bushes and looked at Firey, she had never seen him before, she didn't remember any other objects outside of Foldy, Stapy and HelloKevin. A living fire seemed rather absurd to her.



"Oh wow, I would never have guessed you weren't a bush, my name is Firey"

"I'm Liy, what are you doing here?"

"I am waiting for my friends from the future, they told me to wait here while they solve a problem" Firey said "Why are you hiding in the bush Liy?"

"I've done something horrible, I don't want my ex-friends to find me until I fix it" Liy said as she trembled and went back to hide in the bush.

"What could you do that was so bad?" Firey asked casually.

"I don't want to talk about it, i have lots of stress" Liy said.

"Then let's do something else!" Firey said while getting something from his back "look this is a sudoku book, Match completed it years ago but I deleted what she wrote so I can use it again, it sure helps you de-stress yourself" Firey moved his book closer to the bush and then Liy took it.

"Why are you doing this? we don't even know eachother" Liy asked."you don't know if I'm dangerous, a serial killer even"

"You can't be a murderer, if you were you would have killed me, there are no recovery centers here, and since I won Dream Island in the future then you can't be a murderer, since I would have died" Firey was using all his reasoning power in this logic.

Liy just started playing sudoku, without questioning Firey, the truth was, it did help her to de-stress! and although neither of them spoke for the rest of the time they both spent a good time watching Liy solve the puzzles.

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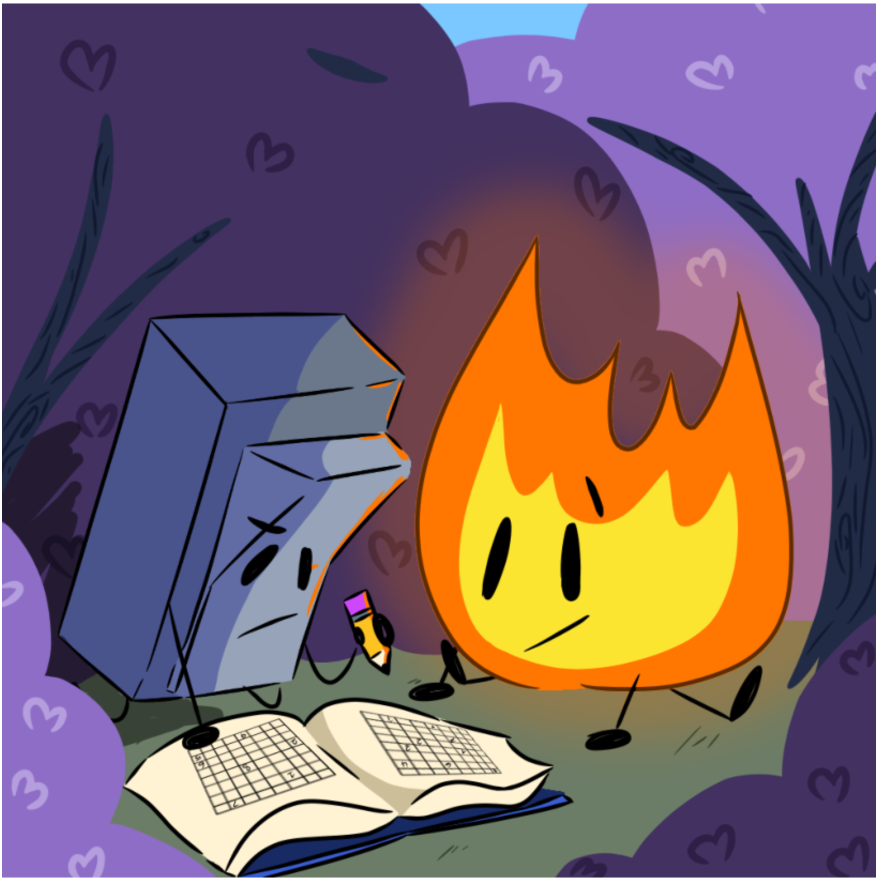
It's been a long time since I got the last chapter out, I'm quite sorry about that. I hope you liked this chapter and I hope to upload more often.

See you later

"Ugh, this is imposible" Said Liy.



Liy and Firey had been in the bushes solving sudoku puzzles for quite a while, it was strange that Golf ball and Leafy took so long but Firey didn't mind. Liy on the other hand had put all her worries out of her mind, she only had in her mind that line, would a four or a two go there?

They were so calm when then a voice was heard from the trees, it sounded far away and they could hear it approaching.

"FIREY, FIREY!" it was Golf ball.

They both instantly realized what they had to do, Liy felt a little sad she would be alone again with her thoughts. Firey wanted to see his friends from the future again but felt bad about leaving his new friend there, he looked at her for a few seconds as asking if she wanted to come too but Liy just looked down.

"Oh... you need to go now" Liy closed the book.

"Don't worry, you can keep it" Firey said as he waved his hand "I'm going to be in the building over there, see you later Liy" He came out of the bushes and called Golf ball to find her, Liy watched him as he disappeared into the trees.

Firey walked through the forest in search of Golf ball, it didn't take him long to find her. She just gave him a sign and they both walked towards the building. 'She'll be fine', he said to himself, 'she has the book, I'm sure when she finishes it she'll be relaxed' he thought 'I hope she comes to the building later'

Golf ball was alone, that meant Snowball was still captured and Leafy was still looking for his son from the future or maybe she was just talking to Ice cube, who knows. He wanted to see them soon, and all his friends from the future.... would they still be his friends? What if Leafy really was hanging out with Ice Cube?

"Firey, I have already solved the gas leak, I even saved the life of someone passing by, I didn't imagine I also had a heroic side haha" Golf ball said "I have a plan although I don't know how to carry it out yet, I need to have a megaphone and be in a high place, so I can inform everyone in the building. I saw several people who can fly although I haven't seen any megaphone yet, maybe that tv can be useful but first i need to gain their trust" Golf ball continued talking but Firey was thinking about Leafy, it was strange that she didn't come, maybe she was just talking to Ice cube as she said, he was afraid that Leafy would rather spend time with Ice cube than with him.

When they both came out of the forest they saw two beings in front of the door, they were sitting on the stairs before the door. They were very strange and both Firey and Golf ball kept silent to try not to attract their attention.

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"And then while you were chasing Spongy and Loser, Announcer showed up and took 41 of your contestants to his own show, while only 14 stayed at BFB" X was silent for a few seconds "Not happy with that he returned episodes later and stole BFB too"

"That doesn't sound very nice. You told me I was a fan of his show, didn't you? That must have felt terrible" X and Four were in front of the building talking, X wanted to bring Four 'up to date'.

"it was very frustrating for me, you loved that show so much and to see how nothing went right made me very sad"

They both stood in silence and looked around them. That mysterious island, what was its reason? They watched as Golf ball and Firey entered the building, looking strangely nervous.

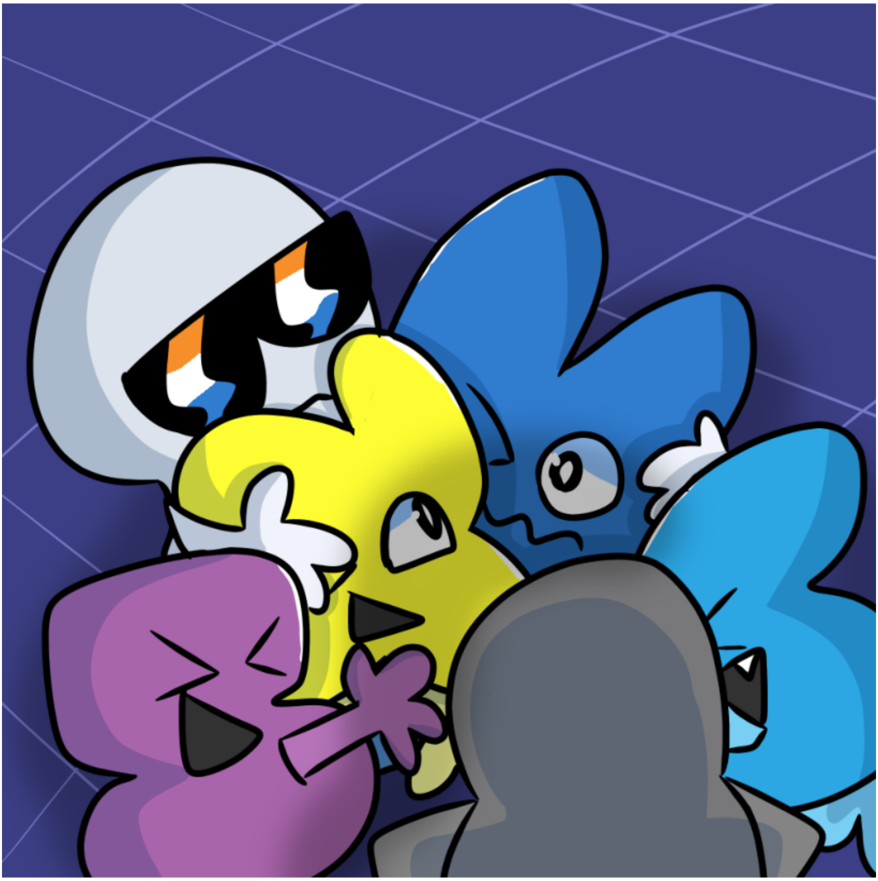
"Everyone is coming into this place, I wonder what's inside" Four said while looking at the doors then he stood up and looked at X waiting for him to stand up as well.

X was scared to go in, afraid of what would happen if he went in. What if he went back to the beginning, when Four melted in the desert? What if this was all a dream? But they both approached and opened the doors anyway.

They saw many people, to Four they were all strangers but X was able to identify many of them. They walked around a bit and several recognized them. Then someone pounced on them, and threw them to the ground.

"Four, X! You are here!" Six was very happy.

They didn't have time to react when Five and Nine came up and hugged them too.



"You finally came"

"I'm so happy you are still alive"

"I was beginning to doubt whether you were here"

X was happy to see them aswel. Four was still a bit confused.

"Come on guys, it's no big de-" Four said but before he could finish, they hugged him even tighter, leaving him breathless.

Eight just watched, it was nice to see them happy "Now, now, stop, you're going to suffocate them" The numbers let them go, but they were still close and had big smiles on their faces.

"Four, X, I am very happy to see you, at least now that Six will stop having panic attacks" Eight said as he laughed a little.

"I DON'T HAVE PANIC ATTACKS, it's just a concern at completely normal levels" Six crossed their arms and looked at them angrily.

"Yeah, sure bro" Nine pated Six making them even more angry.

The people around were muttering things, although the numbers didn't care. Among the crowd was Frozen Yogurt who would not hesitate to tell Pastel feather that Four, their host, had shown up.

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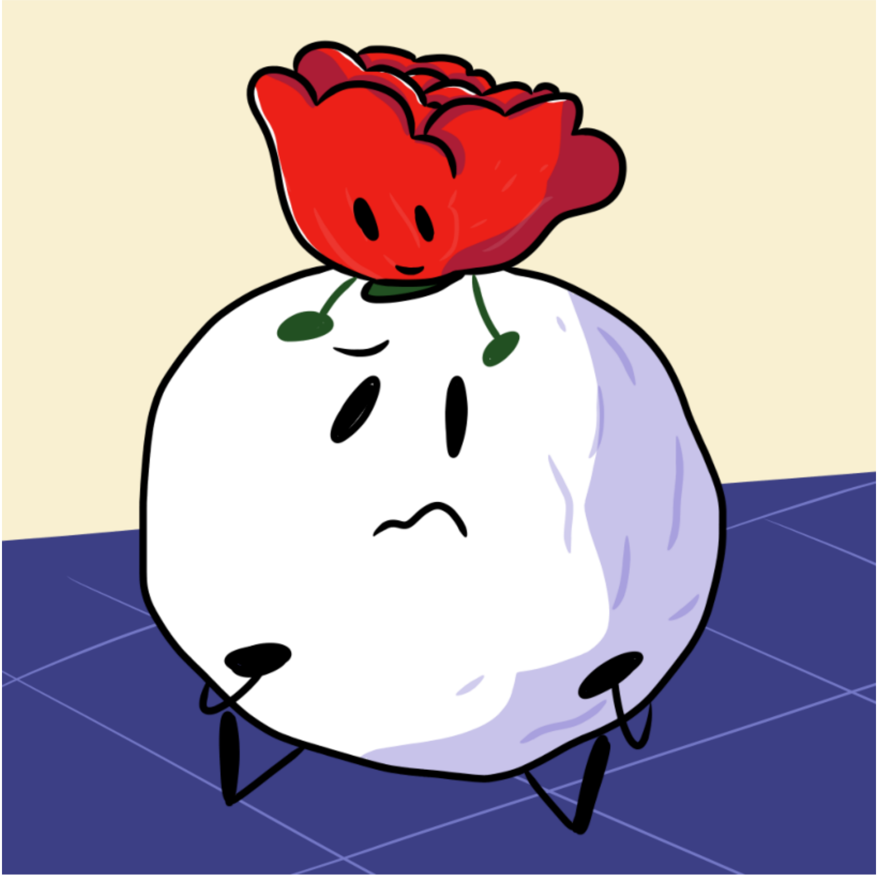
Snowball was sitting near a wall, above him was Rose who had the task of guarding him from escaping. Pastel feather knew that without a faithful guard it would be impossible to complete her goal of bringing everyone together, Rose was very simple for her to handle, if you told her to do something she would do it without asking many questions.



Snowball was afraid, he wanted to find Coiny, all those people were ready to harm him at any moment, at least that's what he thought.

"Hey Snowball, you're shaking, what's wrong?" Snowball did not expect Rose to speak, he was a little startled.

"You can tell me, I'm not going to tell Pastel feather, she scares me" Rose patted him "You know she fought with Selfie dog when he refused to help her get everyone together, I remember she threatened to kill him, she is crazy!" Rose leaned her head back and closed her eyes.

Now Snowball was truly terrified, who knows what she was capable of? he had to run, he had to run soon. But how would he do it? Rose was watching him, there was only one way to escape, he would have to have her as an accomplice... but how...

"i- i... want to..." Snowball was using all his strength to try to say it.

"I know, you want to escape, I'd like to escape too but Pastel feather is too close, if we try it she'll catch us" Rose said.

When hope seemed lost then some news arrived, Frozen yogurt spoke to Pastel feather, and they both left along with Banana apple and Glue. Snowball was relieved, and just when he was about to tell Rose she shouted out:

"FREEDOM FRIENDOS, FREEDOM" and everyone ran off "C'mon Snowball lets get out of here" Snowball standed and walked away with Rose still above him.

"no one took the stairs yet, if we go up the stairs we will surely not be found by the evil Pastel feather" Snowball listened to her, although Coiny would certainly not be there, at least he would be safe.

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Soon the numbers will realize that Four has no powers...soon.

While it is very likely that there will be no new chapter tomorrow, I want to tell you that updates will be more frequent from now on (I hope so), so stay tuned.

Yesterday this story reached 1000 views, thank you very much to all of you <3

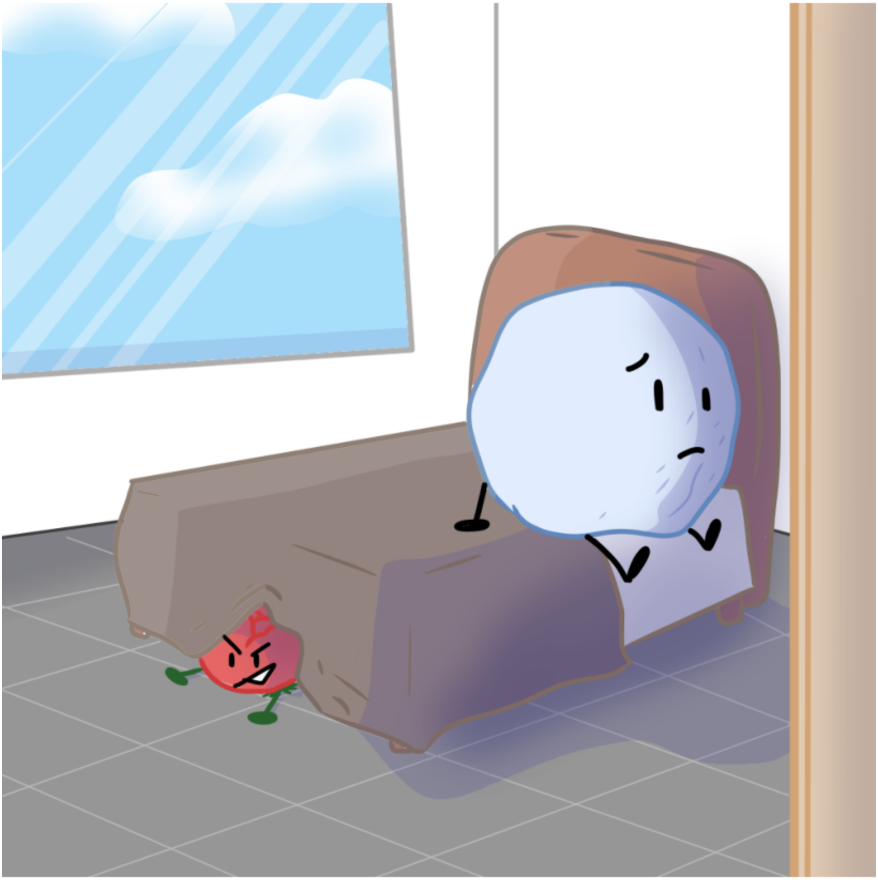
Taking steps

Snowball was walking through the corridors of the first floor, there were many doors with no keys in their locks. It was a very strange scene, Snowball opened one of the doors and then got inside the room.

"Well this place looks very nice," Rose said, she came down of him and stood in the middle of the room. It was indeed a really nice place, the walls were white and bright, there's was a wardrobe, a tv, a bed and on the other side of the room, a big window where one of the sides of the island was visible "ok, this room will be mine, you can take the room in front of mine, so we can be neighbors" Rose was really amazed and cheerful.

Snowball only sat on the bed and felt the cozy blanket on his hands. Rose then started to jump in the bed, laughing, Snowball felt a bit annoyed but of course, he didn't say anything.

"Wait..." she stopped his playful demonstration and just sat "I need the keys, I wouldn't want randoms going into my room haha" but then she finds out, the locks had no keys, she looked again, checked in the closet, under the bed, and crawled on the floor; but she did not find them.



Snowball just watched and, in his mind, he went far away from there, he started to remember the sunny days of the past, when he played in the grass with his best friend. Oh, what sweet thoughts, the soft clouds in the blue sky, the warm summer breeze, and in the distance a familiar figure was in his sight. They played catch, a Snowball ran into the grassland, his heart beat faster and he was really happy for a second. The figure was closer and closer, Snowball tried to touch him but then... "SNOWBALL!" Rose shouted "SNOWBALL, SNOWBALL!!!" Rose shook him, and Snowball, scared, jumped from the bed.

"Stay focus, you can't just sleep in the first bed you find, we have a key to find" Rose walked around in the same place "Look, I searched in every nook and cranny but the key is nowhere here, we have to find it so let's explore more of this place" after saying that she climbed over Snowball's head.

Snowball got out of the room and both of them started their amazing quest to find the missing key. 'maybe if I find another key, I can have a room of my own and in the safe of the locked door I can dream again' he thought.

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"Got any fours?" Six said.

Nine threw all his cards, it was infuriating.

"C'mon dude, this is the seventh time you are winning" Six scoffed "How is that even possible?"

The algebraliens were playing go fish, or at least, their version of go fish. None of the numbers really listened to Eight when they explained the rules, Six was taking advantage of that 'if no one understands how to play I can make my own rules every time I want' that was their logic, their secret logic.

"It's not a big deal right four?" X looked to his friend, but Four didn't pay much attention, he was trying to figure out how that game works.

"Just accept it, I'm the smartest being in the entire universe and no of you can even compare with my go fish skills" Six was acting incredibly conceited, luckily the others were already used to it... since the first win.

Without them even noticing, a group of objects was approaching. Its mission was simple, wait until the random people they didn't know were distracted, and then, kidnap Four, if that was even possible.

"Guys, do you think more people are walking around the forest right now?" Five asked.

"Like who?" Four asked.

"Like One and Two and Three and Seven and Ten" Five started to count with his hands as he talked.

It was completely possible, and all of them stay quiet as they wondered how were their friends doing out there. But no one wanted to return to the forest, no one wanted to split, the world was unknown and scary.

"Well... maybe... maybe we should..." X was trying to find the right words "What do you think F-..."

X stood and looked around, the other followed him but... Four was gone. Where did he go?

"FOUR!!!" X screamed but his voice was not heard by him.

The other numbers started to look for him. Then, X flew to search for him from above.

"He is over there!" X shouted and everyone followed his direction.

Four wasn't putting up a fight, at all, to Pastel feather, the mission was not only an amazing success but also surprisingly easy "Don't worry dear host, we are not going to hurt you. We just want to bring the show cast back together"

X appeared and grabbed Four from them "Hey, no fair, you never told us they can fly" Banana apple said. X was upset, so he blasted them with his laser eyes, not enough to kill them but enough to roast them. After that, without even saying a word, he left.

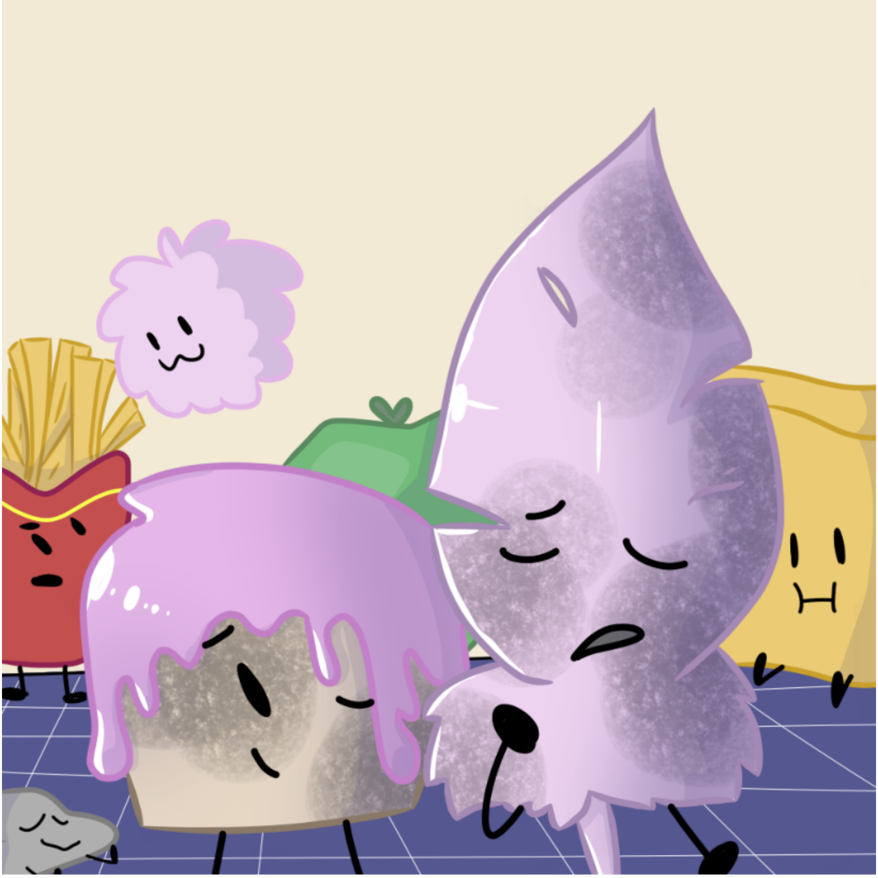
The mission failed after being already completed, Pastel feather was frustrated but she stayed on the floor, the burns were really painful to everyone.

Banana apple and Glue left, they were basically dragging to the floor. Pastel feather was too weak to even move at all. Frozen yogurt was sitting in front of her "The plan didn't work" "Of course it didn't work, do you think I'm blind or what?" Pastel feather was upset.

"Maybe we should stop this y'know? if we jus-" Pastel feather interrupted them.

"Agh no, we can't do that, if we do so, all our hard work will be useless" Pastel feather finally get up " we need to complete this, we need to finish what we started no matter what" Pastel feather then realized "am I right?..."

Frozen yogurt just stared at her, silent, sometimes the silence says more than anything. Pastel feather looked down and felt the burning in her body "Let's...let's do something else..." Frozen yogurt smiled and both of them started to walk around.



"We need to apologize for everything we did..." Frozen yogurt said softly.

"No! we can't!" Pastel feather said, "I don't want to talk about this ever again, I'm... too ashamed... I should never talk to them ever again... I couldn't" Frozen yogurt already knew what her answer would be, maybe someday they would be able to convince her.

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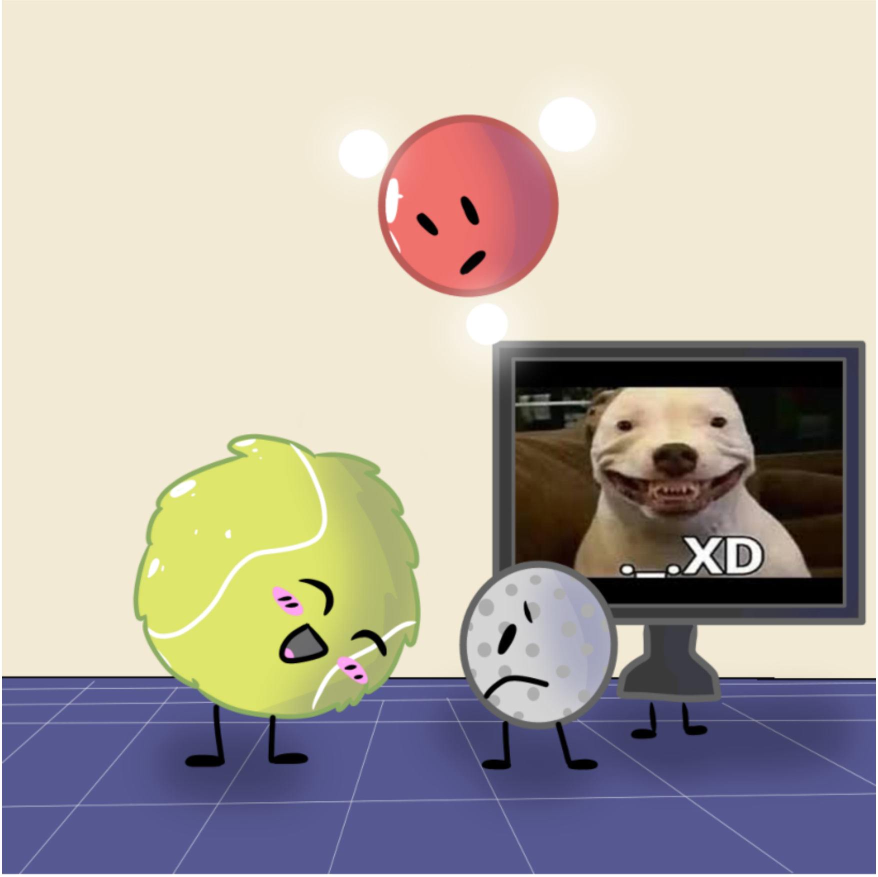
Golf ball was talking to TV, they already decided where to make the announcement, they talked to Lithium so he would up them to the beam. Golf ball was excited.

"Hey Golf ball the love of my eyes, I've been watching for you"



"..." Golf ball had forgotten about TB, What would she do in that situation? her excitement vanished.

"It's been so long I missed you so much" TB cuddled on her making Golf ball sneeze "Oh I'm sorry so much, Are you ok?" Golf ball just looked at him angrily, but her temper was completely ignored by him.

"Look TB i..." Was it really a good moment for that?, Golf ball asked herself in her mind "I.. have to do an announcement and... i will... you should... I'm gotta go right now see you later TB" TB was confused but he maintained his joyful attitude "Ok my honey good luck" Golf ball made a gesture and Lithium and Tv followed her.

"I-never-believed-you two would-do-something-like that-congratulations" TV speaker with random scenes as usual.

"We didn't, well we did it in his timeline but he is a friend in mine... it is really uncomfortable, I don't know what to do" Golf ball sighed "I hope he will understand once everyone knows..."

"So you-don't-love-him back?"Tv asked. Lithium was really interested in their conversation, hearing everything without being noticed.

"I don't want to be in any relationship TV... just not..." Golf ball said.

"That's not-an-answer for-my-question" Golf ball looked at TV for a few seconds "Tv, love is not only the product of a romantic relationship"

They finally got into the place, they already prepared a platform tied to a rope, Lithium grabbed the rope and pull them up, it felt unstable. Golf ball tried to blank her mind but the entire deal about Tennis ball was making her stressed, more than usual.

Once they were up, they walked to the beam until they were in the middle of the hall. Golf ball looked at the crowd, quickly she got some people's attention. She looked at TV and he showed a picture of a megaphone to say he was ready. Golf ball sighed and then she spoke.

"TO EVERYONE FROM ANY TIME, HEAR ME OUT" All of them started to look at where TV and GB were "LIKE ALL OF YOU, I HAVE APPEARED HERE FOR NO REASON AND WITH NO CONTEXT..." Golf ball just told nearly everything that happened that day, making some examples of what was happening but not mentioning Tennis ball at all.

She came down again, and a large crowd gathered around her. She took charge and divided everyone into different jobs, those in charge of registering people on the island, those in charge of exploring the building, and those in charge of exploring the island for lost or needy ~~slap~~ people. Of course, many people end up with no job, they were many.

She selectively put TB on the team in charge of registering all the objects on the island, she needed to keep him as busy as possible so she could think of what to say.

Firey was about to talk with Leafy but, Leafy was assigned to explore the building. He felt defeated, he wanted to talk to her.

"Hey Golf ball, I want to explore the island, can you make a spot for me?" Golf ball then assigned him to a team to investigate the island, maybe Firey could at least manage to find Liy.

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I don't know if you can tell, but this chapter was a lot of fun to write.

I don't know whether to use colored line drawings or black line drawings, if you have a preference I'd love to hear it.

Strife!

In the forest, one of the teams was advancing through. Firey was walking with them, he wasn't the leader, not at all, but he was happy to be there. Ruby looked to the leafy bushes of the forest, the light was filtering through the high treetops, she wanted to end all of the misunderstandings of that day, she wanted to see the sundown in the sea and just sleep without any worries in her mind.

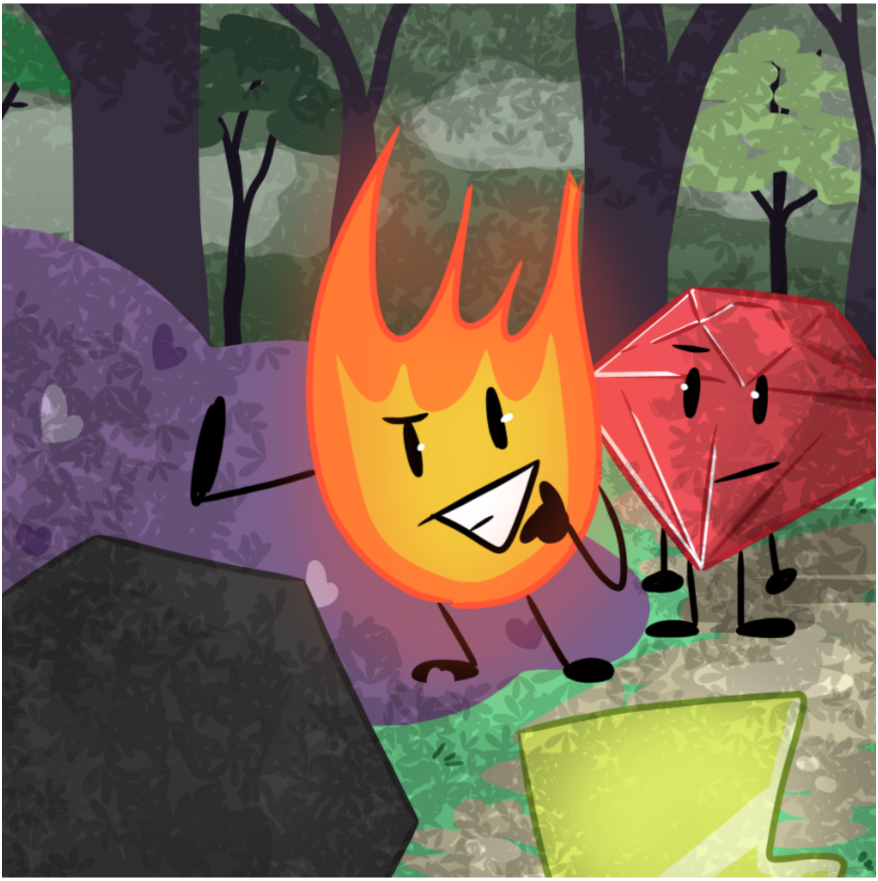
Lightning and Remote were talking in front of the team, they took the lead, they were really focused on their objectives of saving as many lives as possible. Lightning flew over the top of the trees, searching for lost people.

"i didn't see anyone from above" Lightning said to Remote. She stopped her searching and started thinking 'where would they be?' She stared at Firey and Ruby and then she said.

"You both, have you found any person?" She asked them.

Ruby stayed quiet.

"Well i didn't," Firey said "Unless she's in this bush" Firey watched a random bush for a few seconds "Ok, you want to take your time i understand" Remote was confused.



Firey opened the bush with his hands and reveals absolutely nothing behind the bush. Remote rolled her eyes.

"OH WOW, NONEXISTY IS THERE" Ruby screamed.

"Really?" Lightning asked, suddenly Lightning and Remote were excited.

"PFF of course not, I was joking with you" Ruby laughed a bit and they just looked at her with frustration.

"Wherever just keep watching around, anyone can appear at any second" Remote said, and then she made a sign and all the team started to walk again.

Firey checked in every bush he found, but he wasn't lucky, Liy wasn't in any of them. Ruby, even if she was worried sooner than later noticed the weird attitude that Firey was presenting. At the start, Ruby just watched Firey while trying to guess what was he actually doing, she used her entire brainpower but she wasn't capable of guessing it, she just gave up.

"Hey Firey, What are you doing?" Ruby asked, "Didn't you heard that None-existy was not in the bushes?"

"Oh no, i'm not looking for None-existy" Firey said "I'm looking for a friend, she was hiding in the bushes the last time i found her so it's 100% sure she is hiding in the bushes now" Firey then noticed that he's logic wasn't that logical "Wait... Oh... Maybe she went to another place, i hope she is still in the bushes or i will never find her!"

"I would love to have any idea of where Pencil is" Ruby said with a sad expression. Remote got closer to them a then she said.

"What, you actually know where to find one of the missing people, why didn't you say anything before" Firey stayed quiet with a blank expression "Lightning go to the bushes around until you find Firey's friend" Lightning instantly started to search in every bush of the near forest.

"Don't worry Firey we're going to save your friend" Firey touched Remote's shoulder and she turned back to him "What's up?"

"Maybe i know her just for like ten minutes of talking but i'm pretty sure she's not in danger and maybe she wouldn't like to be found at all" Firey said.

"Then, Why did you told us about her at all?" Remote asked.

"Ehhhh....."

Remote just looked around in search of her friend, but he wasn't around. The team started to look for Lightning, in her mind, Ruby was joking "haha, we were a team commanded to search for the lost, but we just lost one of our members, that's very ironic" and even if she was right, she didn't say anything.

"LIGHTNING! LIGHTNING!" Remote shouted, Firey and Ruby just followed her without saying anything "You can actually help did you know?" she claimed, and both of them started to scream Lightning's name too. After a few minutes of searching, they finally found him.

"Lightning we've been searching for you, Did you heard our calls?" Lightning nodded.

"Then why we didn't hear any answer?" Lightning stayed not only quiet but he didn't move at all, not even to look at them. Remote got closer to him and he was completely paralyzed in his place.

Firey and Ruby looked at him, he was terrified of something, but what exactly? In that instant a green laser captured all of them, preventing their movement. Seven came from the bushes.

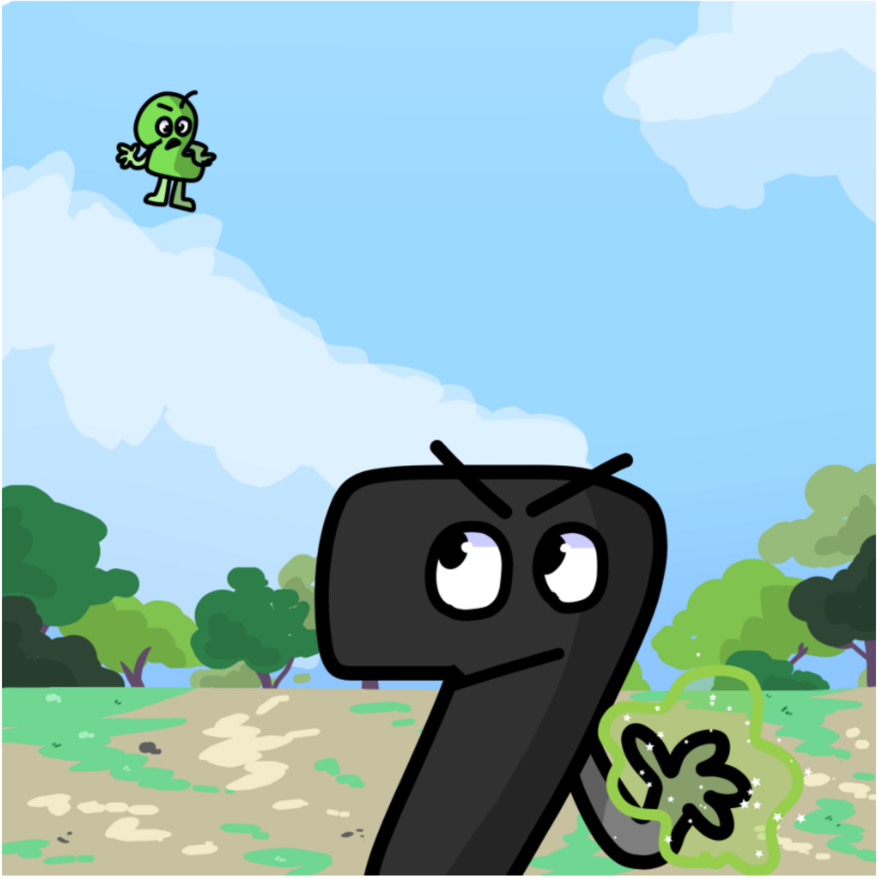
"Well well well, what do i have here?" Seven said, "Can a number have a nap without everyone getting in their way?" Everyone was paralyzed by the green laser, so no one answered their question.

"It's time for you to receive a lesson of good manners huh?" Seven then zapped everyone, emanating a huge light across the forest. They were paralyzed, they were incapable of screaming for help.

"This is the end of the line," Firey thought "I've been upset before when i was woken up without wanting to but this is on a completely different level" Firey was trying to do anything but all his effort was useless "Ok, i died already, maybe the fire heaven will be a good place after all"

Then the forest moved around them, making a meadow, in the high sky another number was floating and watching with an accusing look. Seven turned back and looked at them.

"Would you care to put them down my friend?" Two said, with a nearly sarcastic tone. Seven let them free and Firey and their team ran away, Remote was unconscious after the zaps so Ruby and Lightning carried her.



"Why are you always like this Two? Always meddling where no one has called you, That's why no one likes you Did you know?" Seven said in anger, he knew Two was capable of put up a fight "That's why everyone agreed with exiling you"

"You didn't exile me, I LEFT ON MY OWN, and I couldn't care less what you think of me. If so much Four has you in the idea that I am a meddler it is your problem, not mine"

"Believe wherever you want to believe"

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Leafy was with her team exploring the mysterious building, Gelatin, Bracelety, and Dora were part of her team. She was happy to recognize all of them, just knowing how many people were inside this mess made her nervous about how the strangers would react to her taking the lead. Well actually many of her own friends wouldn't like to be part of a team with her a the leader, but at least she knew (or she believed she knew) how they would react, what kind of things they would say, and about what kind of stuff they will complain.

Leafy looked at Gelatin, he was down, apparently, maybe there were no forks in the building? Who knows. Looking at Bracelety she was, as expected, really cheerful looking at everything around, and Dora on the other hand was pretty neutral, although Leafy wasn't really good at guessing Dora's feelings, no one was really good at that.

"Hey Gelatin, What's up? Did something happened?" Leafy asked him, he looked up to her.

"It's nothing really... i just... i just feel that i lost my best friends" Gelatin said with a gloomy tone "Look, Teardrop is not around, I couldn't find her... and Lollipop well... She's not... She's not the same person anymore"

No one really knew what to say in that situation, they all felt pity and empathy for him, after all, everyone lost some of their friends because of this situation. "Even if i restored a friendship because of this, it is not really worthy, knowing how many people actually lost theirs" Leafy thought, but she said nothing.

"When i appeared here Ice cube ran from me" Bracelety said, "At the start, i thought that she hated my presence, but now i understand that people here are not the same as the people i remember..."

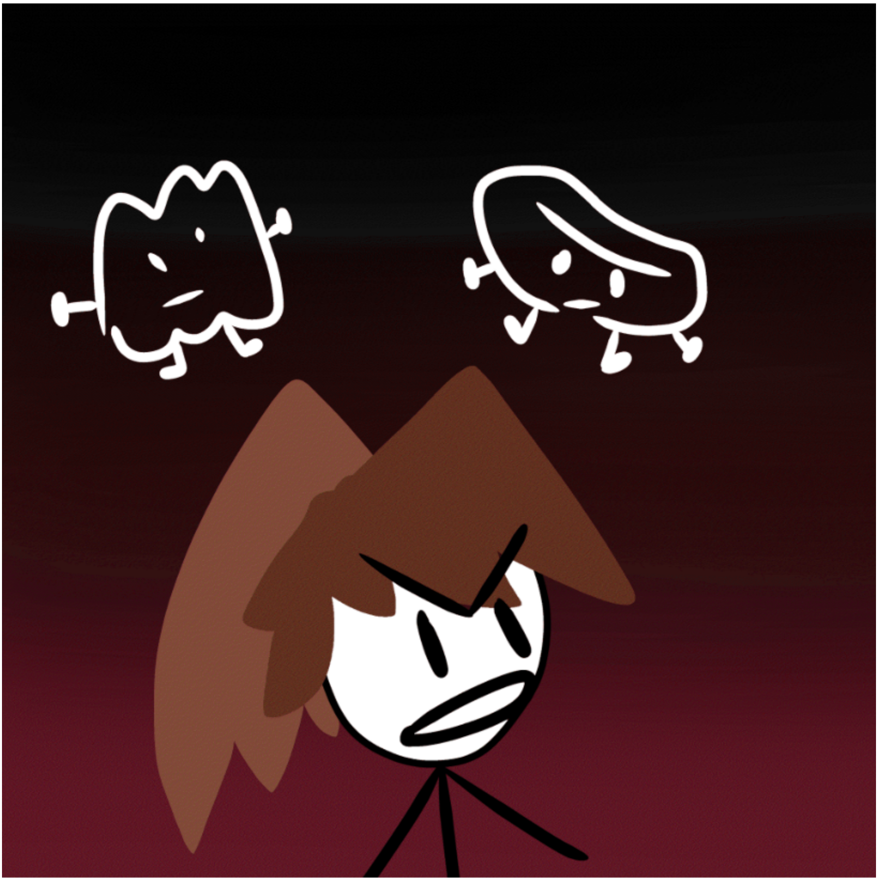
"Hey Ice cube ran from me too when i entered," Leafy said "I tried to talk to her, Did you tried that too?"

"No, i can't do that" Bracelety said leaving everyone with the same question "Look Leafy, i know what everyone says, but i can notice that she is not really comfortable with my constant presence. All the times i cheered on her was because i want her to be happy, even if sometimes it doesn't really work. If she is scared, with just looking at me, How would that make her happier? It can't Leafy"

"That sounds, selfless..." Gelatin commented "But Making her uncomfortable wouldn't make her less "happy"?" Finally asked.

"I know it wouldn't make her happier to make her uncomfortable of course, but it was never the original intention. I basically kept trying, trying to y'now, be part of her "circle of friends" which was my biggest dream... It was really selfish and i understood that once i left the EXIT, i don't even know how it happened... Once i left my new team helped me with Ice cube and we end up being really good friends, but now everything is in a worst state than how it was before going to the EXIT, she's no longer the person I met"

"DADADADADADADADADADADADADADDADADADADADADADAD DADADA"(While you were getting friends as droplets in the rain I completely misunderstood all my life, being eliminated for literally no reason other than saving another contestant not even the half useful as me, no matter how much you do or how much effort you put in anything, at the end is the luck what will decide the real value of your actions and even yourself. That's it, life is unfair and you should stop trying to victimize yourselves just because a random guy o girl decided to not talk to you anymore, go and talk to another person, at least you guys can do that, at least other people can understand you and would give you an opportunity to prove yourself, crying won't solve your problems) Dora said, but anyone was able to understand what was she saying.



Walking through the hall the Team finds out in the third story a big table, at the wall behind it a bunch of keys was hanging, every single one was numbered and ordered. It was a really strange scene, Leafy told everyone to not touch anything and just continue, but when they were about to leave a voice was heard from the table.

"Come closer, Come closer!" Rose said " Be the first one choosing your room in the amazing hotel of Rose and Snowball" Leafy and her team turned back seeing Rose standing over the table.

Snowball appeared from one of the doors, with some keys. He was the one in charge of them.

"That timely Snowball" Rose said while looking at him "Our first customers are just there, guide them to the best rooms while I note their names in this notebook" she got a notebook from absolutely nowhere.

"WOW SNOWBALL" Leafy was excited "i finally found you" after all, Snowball was safe.

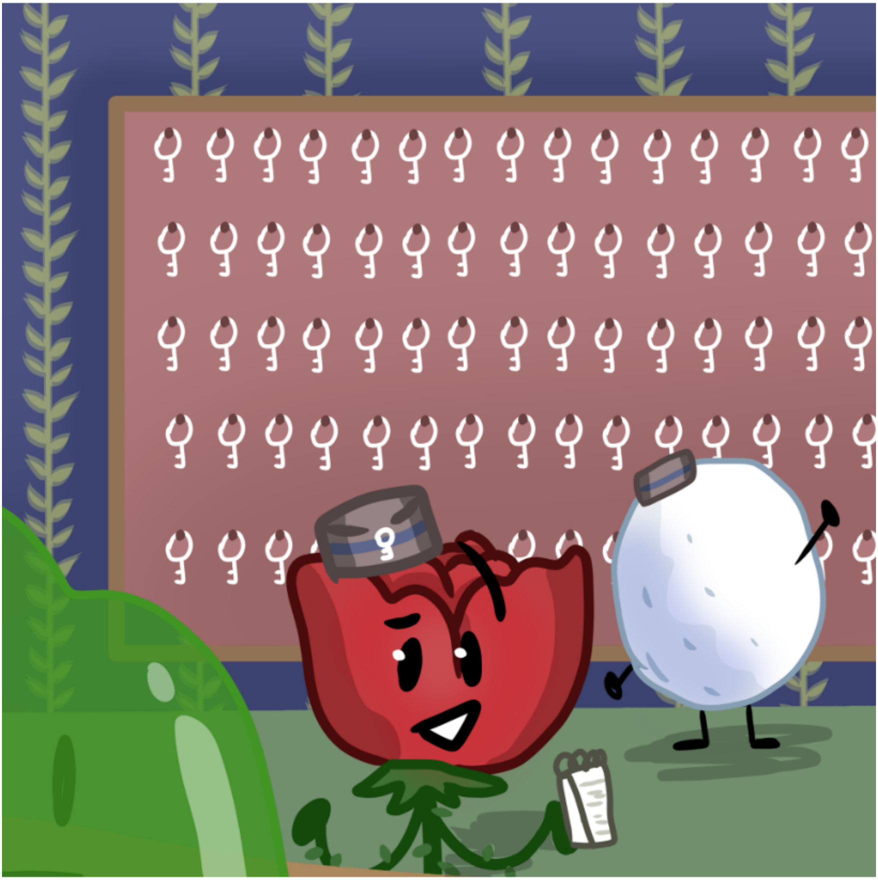
"Hey hey, stop a second, you can't just distract him from his job, Leaf?, if he doesn't work i won't pay him" Rose stopped for a while, and then she said "Well actually i don't have any money, so i can't pay him, but you understand"

"Ok?" Leafy was confused.

"Well dear customers, What kind of room do you want? We have many options like individual rooms, double rooms, group rooms, some really cool luxury rooms, Oh my gardener i love that rooms i should stay in one"

"Wait wait, we are just an exploration team, we are not staying," Gelatin said.

"So you are going to sleep in the woods or got on a ship to escape from this island or what?" Rose said, "Because if you didn't notice this is the only place where you can actually stay once the night arrives, Right Snowball?" Snowball stayed quiet while he was trembling "It's his way to say 'of course Rose you are the smartest person on earth' so..."



Leafy's team looked at each other, not knowing exactly what to do. Maybe Rose was right, after all, maybe they should reserve a room.

"Ok guys, what are we gonna do?" Leafy asked whispering "I don't know if we should tell Golf ball about this or take the room first, What do you think?"

Gelatin a Bracelety looked at each other and raised their shoulders.

Dora on the other hand walked to Rose.

"DADADADADADADADADADADADADA"(Look i want to stay in one of those luxury rooms you said, knowing how this kind of stuff is, and knowing the fact that this is free because no one in this island has any money, well, it's better to be prepared now) Rose noted anything in her notebook, she didn't understand Dora of course but to Rose, the entire "Hotel thing" was like a big game she started and wanted to play.

"Ok..." Rose got closer to Leafy and then she whispered, "What's her name?"

"Dora" Leafy answered.

"Ok Dora, Welcome to the best Hotel experience you are going to ever have!" Rose was basically screaming with excitement " Snowball, get any key from the 161 to 230" Snowball got the key and completed his task really quickly. Dora took the key and left her team away running at an impressive speed.

"Well that wasn't very nice, leaving us alone" Leafy was kinda upset.

"Now that i think about it" Gelatin commented.

"What? What happen?" Leafy asked.

"Why don't Dora just eat the island y'know? She is an island eater, and with all her mysterious nonsensical powers she could have been out of here since the very beginning, Why she did nothing?" Bracelety and Leafy didn't know what to say, Gelatin was right, Dora was still there even if she, in normal circumstances, was completely able to leave, Was that even a normal circumstance?.

"Maybe this is not the kind of island she likes? There are plenty of types of food that i don't like!" Leafy said.

"Well that doesn't solve the other question," Gelatin said "Wait, the others didn't leave either"

"Others?" Bracelety asked.

"The others, the flying contestants like Puffball and Black hole, no even Spongy and i know how capable he is of abandoning everyone. Maybe there's something that impedes the contestants from escaping" Gelatin looked at the window trying to check if there was some kind of dome preventing everyone from leaving.

Rose was bored, her customers were talking random stuff instead of reserving a room, That was not what was suppose to happen! "Being an entrepreneur is so hard!" she thought.

"Do you see anything Gelatin?" Leafy asked.

"Well, if there's anything it is transparent or invisible" Gelatin turned back "I can't see anything"

"COME ON!" Rose shouted "Reserve your room already, you are making me lose my valuable time" Rose looked at them a bit annoyed "Well, it's not like i have something else to do anyways but you understand"

"I actually i don't understand-" Rose put her finger over Bracelety's mouth while shutting her up.

"SHHH"

"But i-"

"SHHHHHHHH!"

Gelatin facepalmed "Wherever just give me a random room" Rose was happy again.

"Snowball get any key" Snowball got the key number 28 "Look what a coincidence this is the key number 28,240" it was obviously a lie.

"That's the... it's not funny" Gelatin took the key and looked at the actual number of the key "Well 28"

"She just overpassed by a 1008,5714285714285 71%" Bracelety said, both Leafy and Gelatin were confused after she just did 'the Golf ball thing'

"How can you know that?" Gelatin asked.

"The EXIT changes you... I guess"

Rose threw two keys to Leafy and Bracelety, they caught them.

"Well if you want to Snowball is going to guide you to your rooms," Rose said.

"Sorry but we need to return," Leafy said making Rose sad again "But don't worry, we are going to take the rest of the people on the first floor-"

"Ground floor" Gelatin interrupted.

"What?"

"It's called Ground floor, the next story is the first floor" Gelatin said.

"That doesn't have any sense Gelatin" Leafy didn't agree with the correction "It is literally the ***first floor***"

"Leafy that's not how it works"

The entire team walked away while Leafy and Gelatin discussed floor names, Bracelety was not interested in that, she just didn't say anything.

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"TV progress report" Golf ball was leading everyone, she was really satisfied with that even if this time there were so many people, making it much harder to manage.

"Report running, 127 people found and registered until now, teams A, B, and D are returning now and Team E has found someone on the ledge of an underground cave and is in process of rescue them, Team C with no actualizations" It was weird, She was really explicit about the actualizations they should make.

"TV name all the members of Team C and search for their last actualization" Golf ball asked.

"Member of the Team C, Remote, Lightning, Firey and Ruby, last report not found" Golf ball sighted.

"I thought that Remote was a bit more responsible" Golf ball was disappointed with her "TV, send a message to Remote, demand the report" TV showed on his screen a loading bar.

Golf ball looked at the other people around. Finally, they were more organized and divided into several groups, TB was really good at his job of registering and making everyone keep the order, that wasn't really good news to Golf ball. She wanted to keep everything out of the complete mess it was before, but beyond that, if everyone just keeps this attitude TB will no longer need to do his job. She didn't want to talk to TB now, she didn't have the words yet.

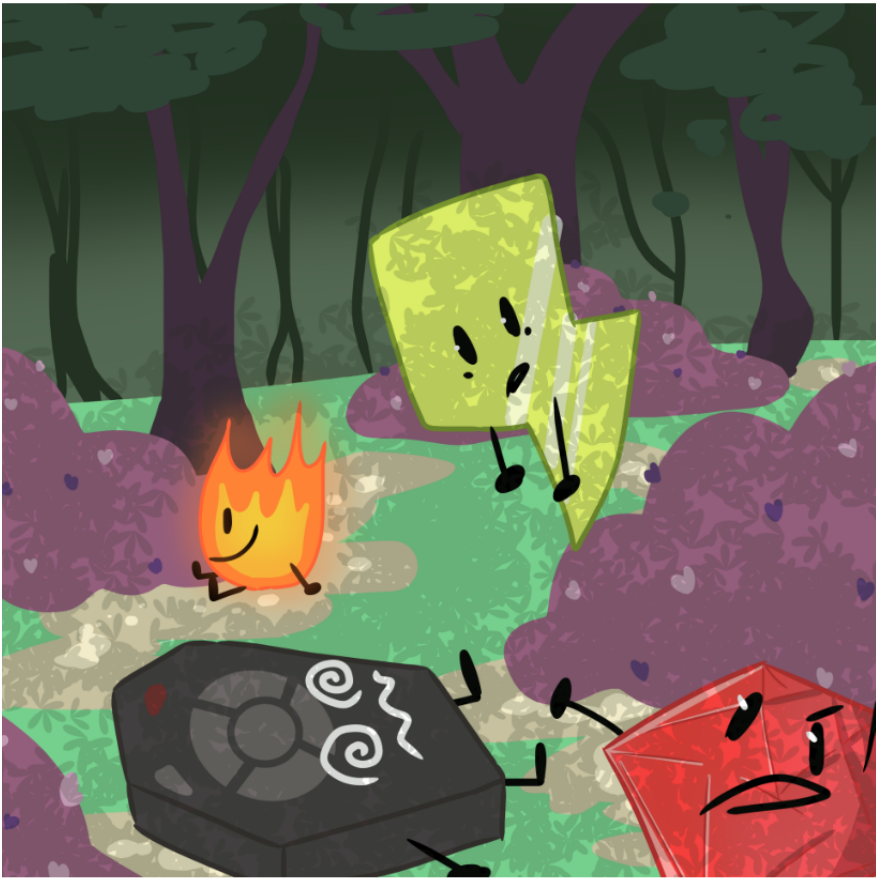
"Team C just sent an actualization," TV said.

"Well read it"

"Actualization report from Team C is not in text format, Do you want to reproduce the audio?" Tv said and Golf ball was a bit annoyed, she was really clear 'Everyone should send their reports in text format'

"Run the audio"

"Golf ball, i'm Lightning" Golf ball was now really bothered, Remote was supposed to send the report "Look, Remote is...uh..she is a little bit unconscious right now haha..." Well, she's justified "We're going to return now" "Ruby! i'm reporting, we're going to return and... we found someone... and... well it didn't really turn out well haha" "Stop laughing Lightning this is not Funny" "Ruby i told you to not interrupt me, i was the second on charge!" "Who cares about that just tell them about the crazy magic number" "Agh well, ok, as i was saying, eh... We found a number and it didn't like to be found, they... they... nearly killed all of us and now we are running from them" "I don't think they're following us" "Firey now you are going to interrupt me too?!" "Calm down Lightning" "Shut up I'm really stressed right now!" "We all are Lightning!" "Stop, stop fighting" "THERE'S A MAGIC EVIL NUMBER IN THE FOREST, REPORT CLOSE" "Ruby! agh... report close"



Golf ball was scared now, if there's was a magic evil number in the forest as they said the safer option was to make all teams return and don't let people get out until the problem was solved.

"TV inform everyone about the "Evil number" and locate Remote's signal"

"Inform sent. Remote is at 494.09449 feet or 150.6 meters and getting closer" TV showed a map of the island with a Yellow dot representing Remote.

"She's basically here already, it means she wasn't very far away when they find out the evil number, or that they are running from them for a very long time" Golf ball was trying to think in the best way to treat that problem, she was not able to 'defend' anyone from a magical nearly omnipotent entity.

Golf ball was concentrated and then she heard a voice behind her.

"I heard about the-" Golf ball jumped and turned back, Lego brick was there, he chuckled and she just tried to ignore her stupid reaction.

"I heard about the evil number thing and i want to help" Lego brick said "Is there anything i can do?"

"Actually yes, there is something you can do, go to the other numbers over there, maybe they will have some kind of solution" Lego brick ran to his task.

"Golf ball!" TB was behind her, it scared her again.

"Stop standing behind me!" Golf ball shouted.

"Sorry, my love but i was really worried, you look so stressed i hate to see you like this" TB cuddled her, she was uncomfortable and looked at TV with a scared expression.

"TB i... i..." TB looked at her "I need..." she was nervous and embarrassed, she was scared, she wanted to escape.

"What do you need my little sunshine" TB wasn't actually aware of what was she trying to say.

"TB-People in the-Next-Corner-are fighting-again!" TB separated from GB.

"Oh sorry, i need to go, wait, Should i go?"

"Yeah, go along" Golf ball said. She sighed once he was far enough.

"Thanks for that, i debt you one" GB said to TV.

"Your welcome, it's a pleasure"

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"Do you want to know what?" Six showed his last card "I won" It was a +4 Uno card. Six was already delighting his victory but then Eight answered.

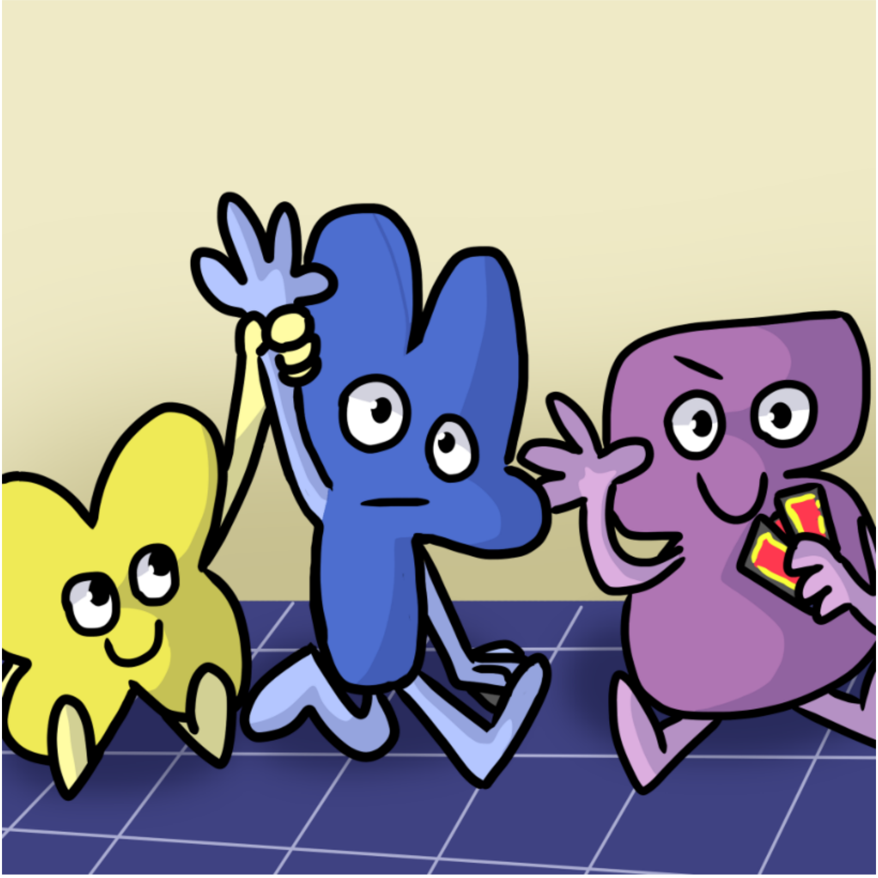
"You didn't say 'Uno' before using your last card so you need to take another two cards on penalty" Six got upset.

"That's not fair, we didn't decide that rule at the start of the game!" It was true.

"It has been chosen by democratic votation" Eight said while closing his eyes.

"What?"

"If you want to give Six a two cards penalty raise your hand" Everyone raised their hand (except Six of course). Six just drew another Two cards as they grumbled.



The next player was Nine, he used a reverse-Uno card, Six, added a red two card.

"Wait, they need to take another two card penalty" Five said.

"What?" This was ridiculous.

"You need to say 'Uno' once you use your second-last card too, if you don't you are going to draw another two cards, Right guys?" Everyone raised their hand again. Six drew another two cards.

Eight used a green two, Four used a yellow two, X used a yellow cancel-card skipping Fives turn, Six laughed at him, Eight added a +2 and Nine too.

"..." Six was really unsatisfied "COME ON!" He took another four cards from the deck.

"Hey you guys, numbers are you busy right now" Lego brick appeared to ask them as his task was.

"Well kinda, we're playing Uno" Eight didn't even turn to see Lego brick, he just examined his cards again planning another strategy with Nine to make Six even angrier.

"Well, i need your help, one of the teams we sent to the forest has been attacked by an "Evil number" so Do you have any idea of how exactly we can't get rid of them?" Lego brick then though 'wait...maybe they will think we want to get rid of all numbers because of that phrase' "Wait, not get rid of them, just made them be not a potential danger for everyone?"

"Keep calm we understand" Nine said "Four take care of it"

"Wha- what...?" Four was nervous, he was not capable of handling this situation.

"Don't worry we're going to pause the game until you finish, not really a problem" Eight added.

"But- but i..."

"Come on, as faster you end as faster i can recover my win" Six said.

"Well... ok" Four stood up and X got closer to him.

"Do you really think this is a good idea?" X Whispered. It was clearly a bad idea.

"You said i was powerful so i just need a bit of confidence" Four tried to fly, jumping in the typical "superhero pose" and he hit his face to the ground.

"Is this a joke?" Five asked.

X just looked at his friend. At a moment he wanted to have their places as to how they were before the split. It was weird. Four looked at him back, he was ashamed.

"Well i guess it's my responsibility to take care of this" X left the place, they didn't say anything, it was clear, Four didn't have any powers at all.

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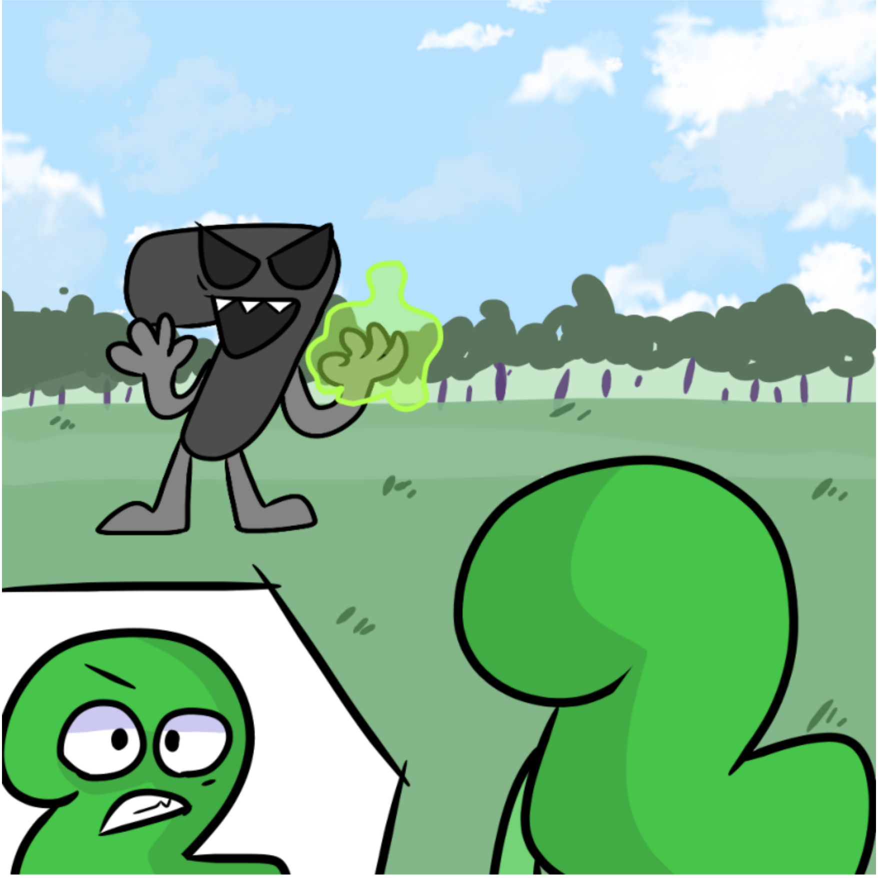
Well, this chapter is my favorite until now. It took me a lot to finish it for many reasons (One of them was Wattpad itself, some of the pictures take a ridiculous amount of time to load), it's divided into four parts instead of three. It was going to be even longer but i decided to divide it into two chapters, in the next chapter the battle of Two, Seven, and X will begin.

Strife!(part 2)

"Well, Do you have anything new or are you just going to show your move-stuff-around powers again?" Seven tried to zap Two, they used a rock to block the attack "As i expected"

Two wasn't sure exactly when Seven got their powers, or how powerful they were exactly. The strategy was "Not getting hurt whilst planning and actual strategy", Two didn't like fighting, their experience in violent situations was basically nonexistent, so improvise was pretty much the only option. Seven in the other hand was the complete opposite, they knew exactly what Two was able and not able to do, they were really conflictful in their timeline and it was something Seven enjoyed.

Seven used another zap and Two repeated the move they did just a few seconds ago. Seven didn't notice but Two looked at the ground, maybe there was some hope to them.



"Just repeating your failure as you did before, Don't you notice that there's no infinite rocks to protect you? You can't do this forever" Seven said.

"Want to bet?" Two said in response. The second part of his plan was running.

Seven started to blast zap over zap, and stepping closer and closer, excited to already feel the win on their hands. It continued until they were nearly face to face.

There was no more rocks around, and Seven prepared to end Two in that second, and without them even noticing, sharp and thin pieces of rock grazed their arm. Seven stopped, and looked around, they turned their sight to Two. Two used his move-stuff-around powers to use the remains of the rocks like bullets, shooting them to Seven, and because the rocks just grazed they could use them as many times as they wanted, Seven wasn't capable of escaping from the sharp rocks rain. Two was really proud of themself.

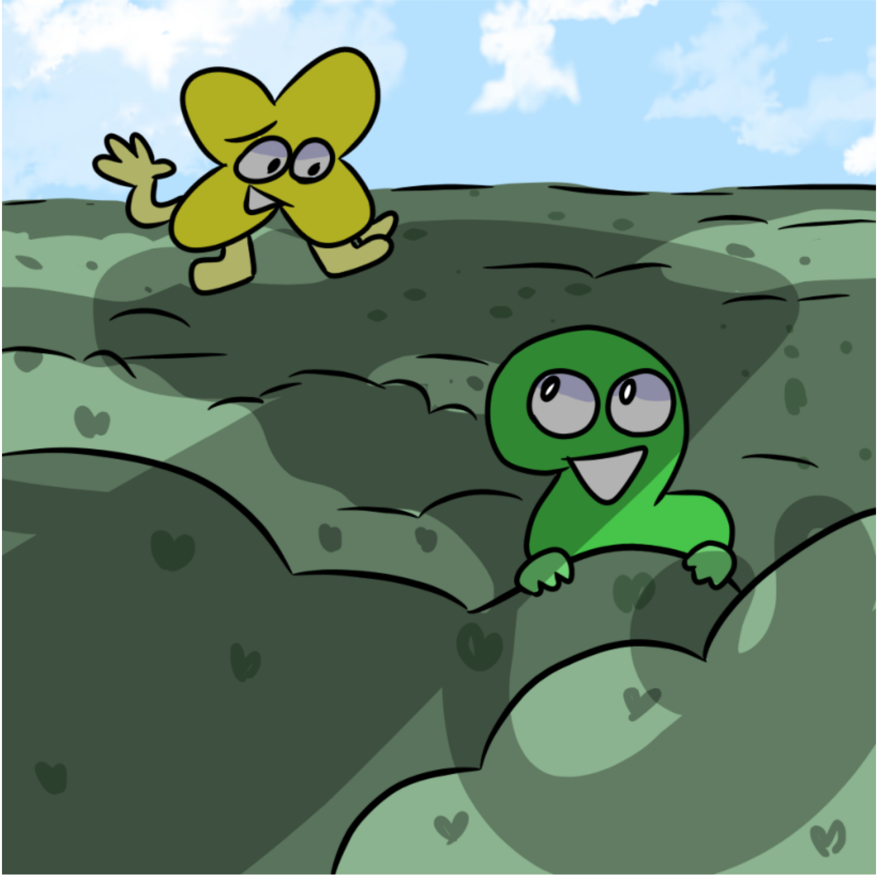
Seven fell to the ground, and Two stopped their attacks thinking that everything was already over. Two tried to give them a hand to get up.

"Oh no, this is not even close to end" Seven said and suddenly all their wounds were healed, and Seven started to grow and grow, until they were 20 meters tall. Two wasn't really that impressed by their size, but now their strategy was obsolete, Two needed to think in another strategy, and also think in something to make Seven not recover themself.

Seven started to trample, trying to smash Two, of course that didn't work and Two avoided Seven's attacks without much effort. Strong earthquakes were felt on the island.

X appeared from the forest, ready to confront Seven. He looked up and immediately noticed that someone else was there, X approached Two.

"Oh I didn't expect to see you here" X said happily, Two smiled after hearing X's voice "I think I should apologize for last time"



"Don't worry, I know how Four can be, and you don't have to apologize for something you didn't do" While they were talking, Seven tried to hit them, but due to their size, their movements were quite predictable. X tried to hurt Seven with his laser beam eyes but Seven didn't flinch.

"Ugh, I think we will have to become as big as they are to be able to face them, our powers do nothing" Two said.

"We can't do that, if we do that we will destroy the island and there's a lot of people here" X was thinking about Four, since he had no powers, his body was weaker and he might die in the middle of the disaster. Even if he could recover him, he didn't want it to happen to Four.

Two and X tried to attack again but their efforts were useless. Seven was getting frustrated, the battle seemed to be going nowhere.

"Do you have any ideas?" Two asked, already tired.

X stood thinking for a few seconds, then an idea came to his mind.

"I have an idea but I am not sure if it is morally correct" X looked at the ground, unsure of how to act.

"Well, just think, is that better or worse than letting all the people on this island die?" After that they both dodged a stomp that Seven was about to give them, X then took off into the depths of the forest.

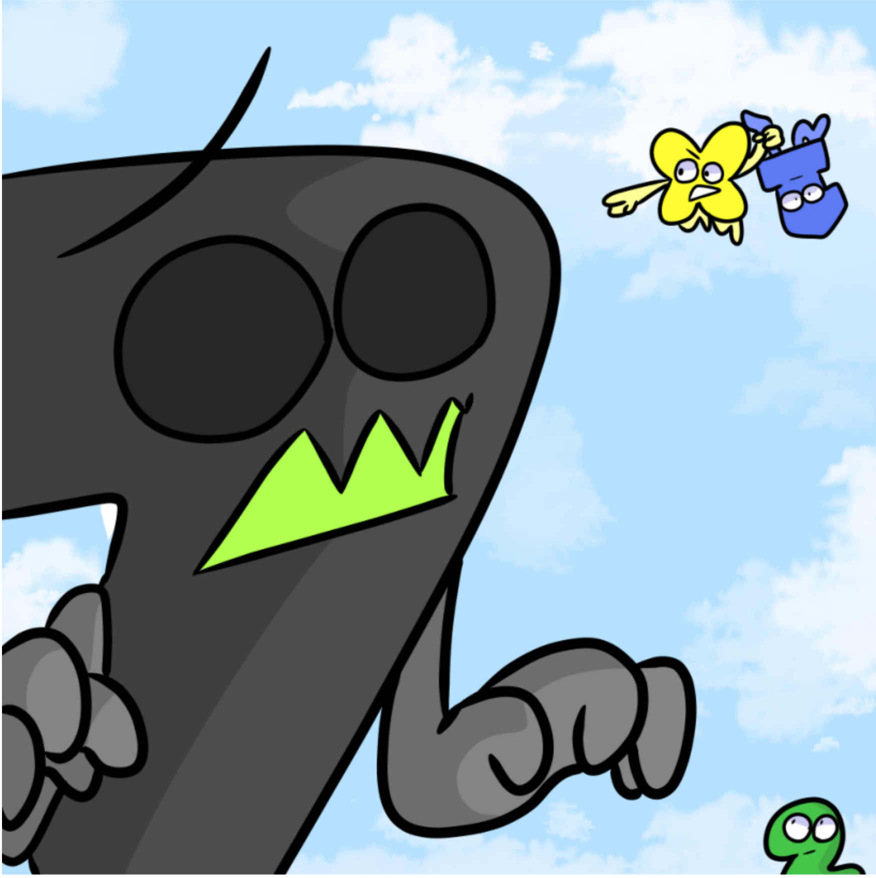
Two understood and decided to fly around Seven to prevent them from continuing to cause tremors. Seven was determined to finish Two, to them it felt like revenge. After several attempts Seven finally hit Two, knocking them to the ground "X, I hope your plan works, I hope you arrive soon"

Seven was about to step on Two but then a high pitched voiced was heard.

"HEY SEVEN, DO YOU KNOW WHAT I HAVE HERE?" X screamed, Seven turned to see X and immediately changed their mood.

"Let them go X" Seven said "This has nothing to do with them" Although they tried to remain threatening, Seven was clearly concerned.

"Return to normal and stop the fight" X commanded, in one of his hands the typical zapping light appeared, with his other arm was holding One from one of their legs "If you don't want to know what happens next"



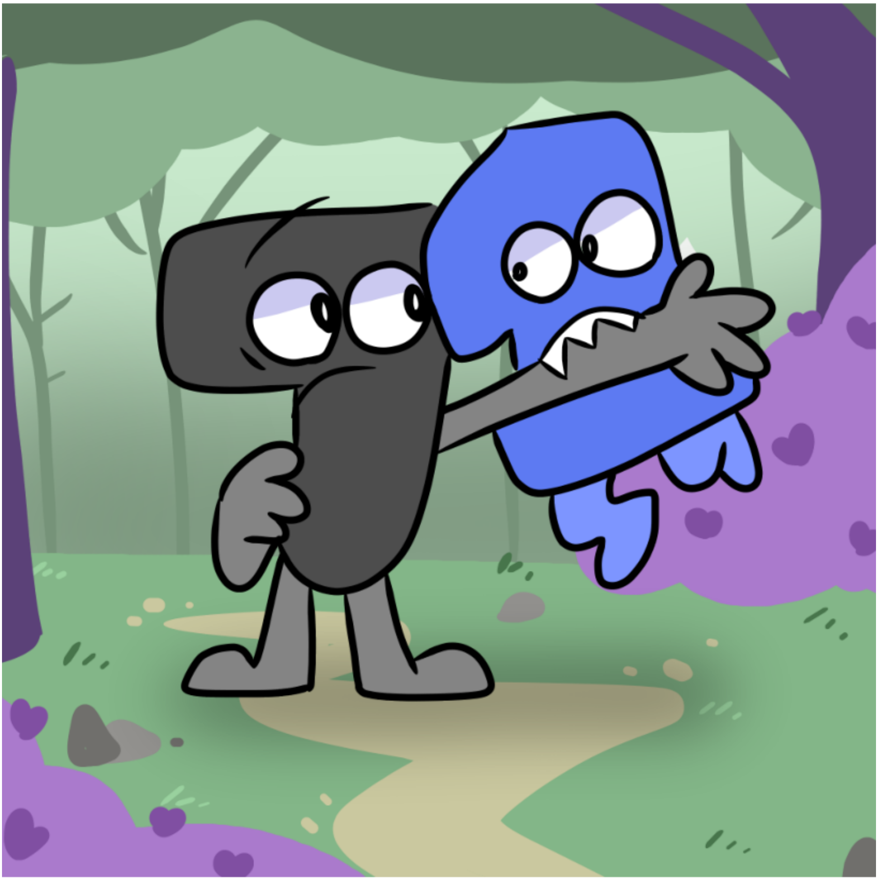
Two was elated, he had never imagined X doing anything like this "So his idea was to threaten Seven, no wonder he said it wasn't morally right" they thought. One was terrified. What was going on? Why was X holding him 100 feet in the air? Why was Seven a giant now? X was wanting to hurt them? Maybe this was all a dream, after all they remembered that all numbers were dead.

Seven resigned themself and returned to his normal size, X lowered himself to the ground and released One.

Seven remembered his best friend well, they looked the same even though they looked tired "I'm sure it's because of what just happened" said Seven to himself.

"Are you alright buddy?" Seven asked kindly. One was still shaking.

"I am, i am" One said with a nervous voice. Seven patted their head but then One jumped up and bit their arm.



" Hey what was that about?" Seven said angrily after freeing themself. It was strange, its flavor was not the same as One remembered, maybe they were a different Seven. No, it wasn't possible, there was only one, how could they be there?.

"I'm sorry, I am very shocked by everything that has just happened " That they were shocked was true, but that was not the reason.

Two walked over to where X was.

"Well well well, look what we have here, I never imagined that you would be capable of something like this, I always thought you were a good and well-behaved variable"They said with an almost sarcastic tone.

"This- This was a life or death situation i-"X was trying to justify himself.

X crooked his arms in frustration, turning his back on Two.

"Calm down, I'm giving you a compliment" Two said "I wonder what other things you are capable of doing" after saying that Two patted X head.

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The second part, I'm sorry it's a short chapter but trying to include other subplots just felt strange to read, so I left it at that.

I don't want to do too many spoilers but One will be a problem

later on, a very big problem.

If you are wondering. Yes, Two is flirting X at the end.

The memories we share...

"Memory loss?" Two was surprised.

X looked up at the top of the trees around the way they were taking, looking for the right words to explain it without sounding condescendent or daring.

"Not exactly, it seems to be a timeline shenanigan" X was not really that satisfied with his answer.

It took a few seconds for Two to process something like that. "Timelines" it was weird, like straight out of a science fiction novel or a popular movie. It was exciting for them. Numbers can alter space (of course, after they learned how to do it), but time was a barrier they had never explored.

Even with their excitement, Two tried to maintain a neutral look. It wasn't hard to notice X was having a hard time with this new reality they were living. A Four completely rebooted was for Two, a fortunate coincidence, now being able to restore all his relationships with the other algebraliens and specially with X without his intervention, but they knew it wasn't that for X, whose life companion was now gone, or at least was in another place out of the same reality.

"Well, Do you want to teach him everything again?" Two asked, knowing the awnser.

"Of course, Why do you even ask?"

"He is not really the same person anymore, theres no guarantee of his old personality will return just because he can levitate things or mess the space" Two was trying to reason with X.

It was true, there was no link between X's Four and the Four he met in the island. The wasn't any actual reason for him to became as the other Four since their experiences were not going to be the same and maybe the Four of that timeline had an overall diferent personality and was not going to "evolve" into the same person even if he was under the same circumstances, also it was something that would take a lot of effort to do so.

Numbers don't really have to learn to do any of the things they knew. After all it was a hard and long run specialy of you were just starting, the first step was always the hardest one, because of that most of the algebraliens decided to not continue and gave up quickly. In the equation playground there wasn't really any dangers or enemies to defeat so the use of the magic was not a need.

X didn't want to discuss the subject. What he was doing was not tied to a hard reasoning or logic, it was just what he felt. His actions were attached to the memories and feelings he had for his version of Four.

"I'm not saying you can't try, i know you will do it and i can even help you if you want me to" Two said noticing how X was avoiding.

X looked at them with a new light in his eyes.

"Really? That's so nice Two" He said happily

"But remember Don't take it for granted" Two finally added.

As they walked around the forest ocasionally X looked back, checking if Seven and One were still following them from behind, X thought Seven could escape taking One with him and later just do whatever they wanted; Seven thought that too, but they just didn't want to do it. Seven's rage was vanishing as the time passed and they just felt the calmer atmosphere around them, without their anger it seemed nonesensical and even ridiculous to fight X and Two.

One was on his side looking at Two "I hope you are not a problem like before" they thought. One remembered how ridiculously difficult it was to get rid of Two last time "You are always a pebble in my shoes, and i don't even have shoes! You were not even worthy all that effort and time, between all of them you were by far the worse"even with that anger and frustration coming from them,One tried to stay impassible keeping their smile, if there was anything that never betrayed them it was their ability to act as it suited them in the situation, the others never noticed and if they did it was already too late, except for one in particular.

"Hey buddy what's up?" Seven asked.

"Huh? Nothing... " One said, moving their attention to Seven.

"Mhmm, Sure nothing happened" Seven said with a sarcastic tone "You are upset with Two aren't you? Who wouldn't?"

For One Seven's weird capacity to read their emotions was both a bless and a curse. If they had a conversation or even a small talk with others Seven will easily find out that One was lying or at least that they were nervous, but when they were together it was such an amazing experience; One felt free under those circumstances because they didn't have to force themself to say or act in a certain way to comunicate his intentions. If it was a joke, it was serious or it was something in between Seven will notice, if ot was something that was affecting them or not Seven will notice.

Back when One bited them they expected to see Seven much more concerned and not so easy going with them.

"You know i would expect you to be upset with X after what happened more than Two"

"Oh... you are right... You know it is hard to be upset with X at all" It was an excuse but also true, even after what just happened One found very difficult to be upset with X.

Seven agreed, even if they were in fact somewhat upset with him they knew X good nature and kind approach on most situations will probably make him compensate it somehow.

"Remember when he forgot to return an eraser and three days after that he went to Three's house with a fruit basket and an apologize letter?" Seven asked holding back a laugh.

"Oh i remember that, Three was so confused" One completely forgot their previous frustration, and reminded that time "The funniest part was when Three said it was not nessesary nearly a week later and X decided to apologize for the apologize"

"Wait, THAT happened?" Seven laughed.

"It happened, or at least that was what Three told me, that day just after receiving the second apologize he called and told me about it. He sounded both shocked and amused" After telling that to Seven both of them laughed.

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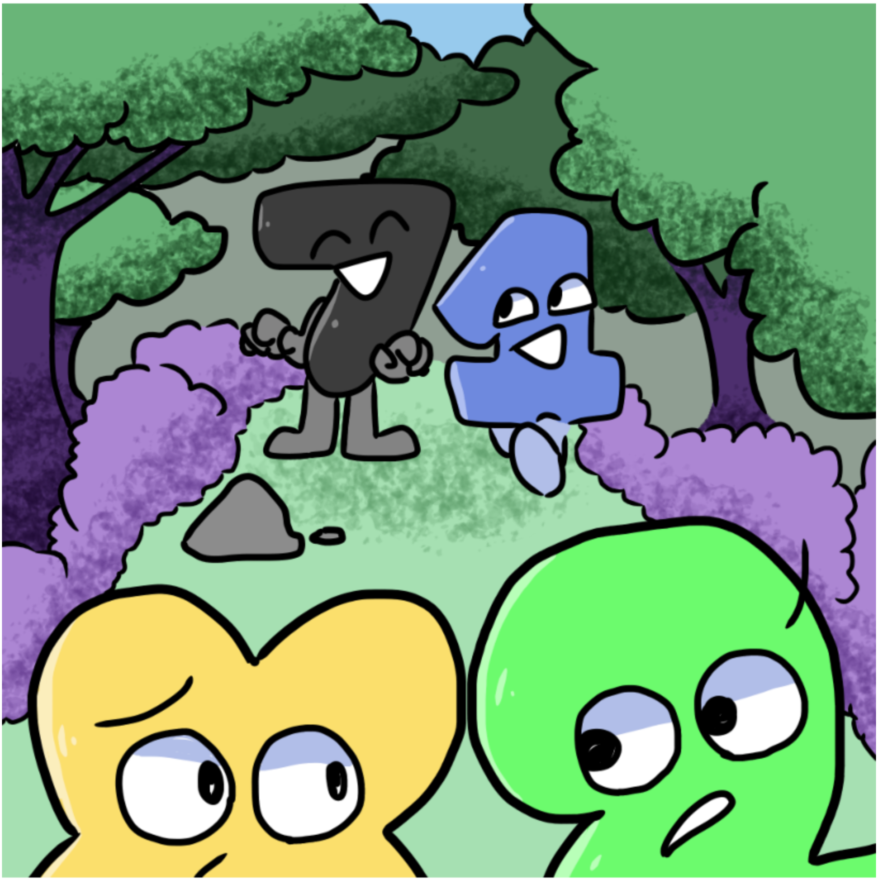

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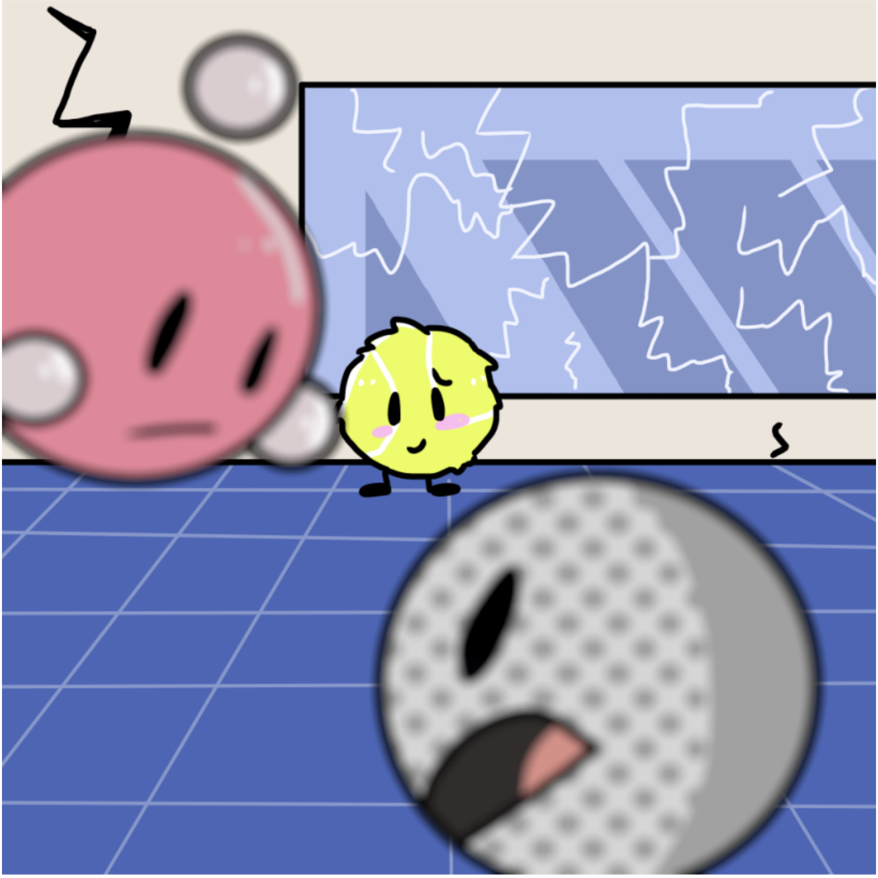
The sun was shining in the sky with a magical ethereal light that covered as a veil all the existence above and beyond. With small hops Tennis ball passed around the windows looking at the forest and all it's little things, from the smallest leaf to the biggest cloud, everything was beautiful.

He then looked at other people on the building, some of them were alone and looking down after the reveal, and after they searched for their loved ones without finding any trace of all the life they shared "But i'm not like them" he said to himself fulled of joy for his luck "My love is with me, challenging the infinite possibilies we are still together" he thought. They were not like Coiny and Pin, where only one of them knew the other, they were the same duo as they always should have been, bacause love breaks all the barriers.

Tennis ball was already done with his job, but knowing GB was bussy decided to not talk to her for a bit. "She surely is the best, always putting her time in helping everyone out!" he thought while looking at her from a wide distance.



After the tremors she was really worried about the safety of the exploration teams and the electrical and heating systems, even if now they had a "recovery center". Tennis ball couldn't stop thinking about how good leader she was "Once it is over i will be with her, GB may be really exausted when all this mess is cleaned" he remembered the times when she was so enraptured in her own work that he had to go over to tell her to rest, she leaned on him for a few minutes back then closing her eyes and after that she would look at him and say "What would i do without you?"

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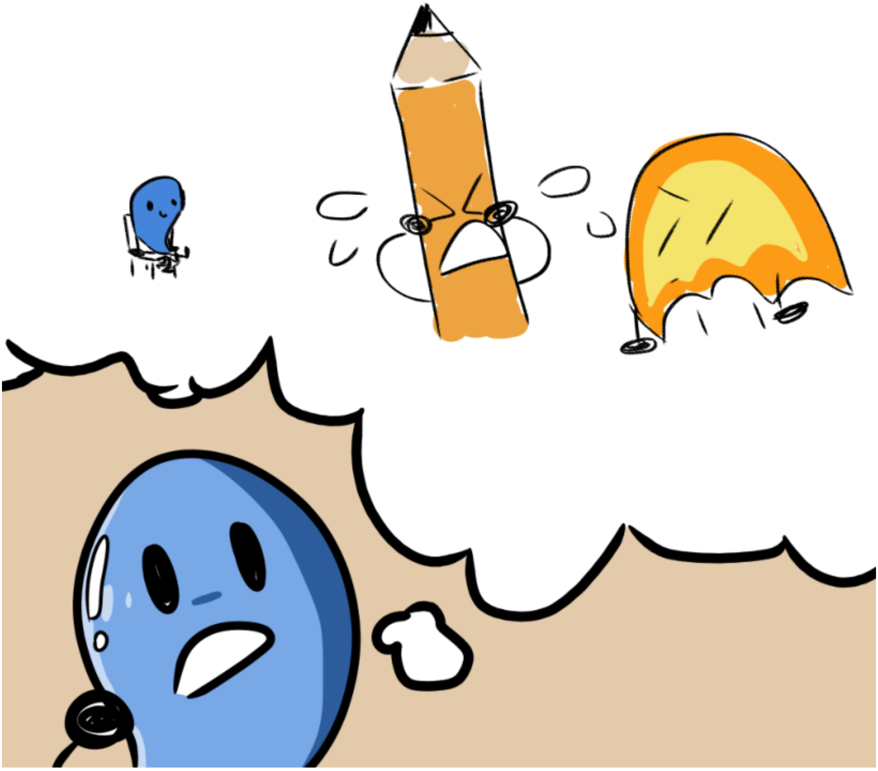
"At first i was just talking with my best friend Shelly, i was telling her about the time Cenpil was hyperventilating, do you know about that? Sure not, well it was a really terrible day, it was drizzling after an entire week of rain, Cenpil was organizing a tea party with Rifey when she noticed her 'best friend' was not coming, it was already three hours late when i came and heard all of that first hand 'Chatm is not coming, maybe she found a new rival, maybe she doesn's care about ruining my party' looking back it was kinda obvious that Chatm was doing that exact thing, not being around she ruined Cenpil's party for her, i don't know, this 'frenemy' kind of relationships are really confusing, like how does that work, you are entitled over someone treating you poorly? Why? That doesn't sound healthy to me, maybe is beacuse i'm not really into any of those relationships, maybe one day i will find a rival and it will change my mind forever, that would be groundbreaking; talking about ground breaking things, the earthquake was terrible, i say some of the walls getting cracks and the windows broke up in a second, everyone was screaming and at that moment i was not sure about what to think, i hugged Shelly telling her it was going to be ok but looking back i know i was doing it just for me, i was trying to calm myself and you know? that sounds unhealthy too, i should have accepted it when it happened Shelly didn't say a thing, i'm sure she was shocked after such a terrible experience i feel so bad for her, i should have been more empathetic. Later one of the pillars fell, it nearly killed me, well actually it was not that close but it felt like it was and that was what happened, isn't it scary? i was scared all the way, i've never been in the middle of an eartquake before, the land shouldn't move, it doesn't have any sense" Drear-top said still shocked by what happened.



"Hey, at least you are fine, you know? you could have been trapped in a dark alley or something" Profily said "Also where is Shelly?"

Profily was found by Drear-top and since then she decided to follow them around, Profily never escaped her so in Drear-tops mind they were already close friends.

"She is over there" Drear-top pointed out a few objects treating the wounds of those affected by the earthquake "She never told me she was a nurse, i felt betrayed after that but well we don't have more than five hours since we are friends so maybe my reaction is a bit underserved, What do you think Profile picture friend?"

"Yeah it's a bit undeserved... but don't worry everyone has a diferent standart on how much time you should spend with someone before being their best friend, but after what you told me maybe you should ask Shelly about it, you can always talk about it with me if you need help, i'll be your therapist" Profily jumped extending their arms.

"Friends can go to therapy too? I thought it was something only failed marriages did, wow this is amazing" Drear-top was happy to hear such a thing.

"I'm not a therapist, but i'm an expert in friendship, like, everyone on BFB was my friend, except Leafy she always seems to be trying too hard to get everyone to like her and I don't like that" Profily finished their sentenced nearly whispering, not wanting Leafy to hear them.

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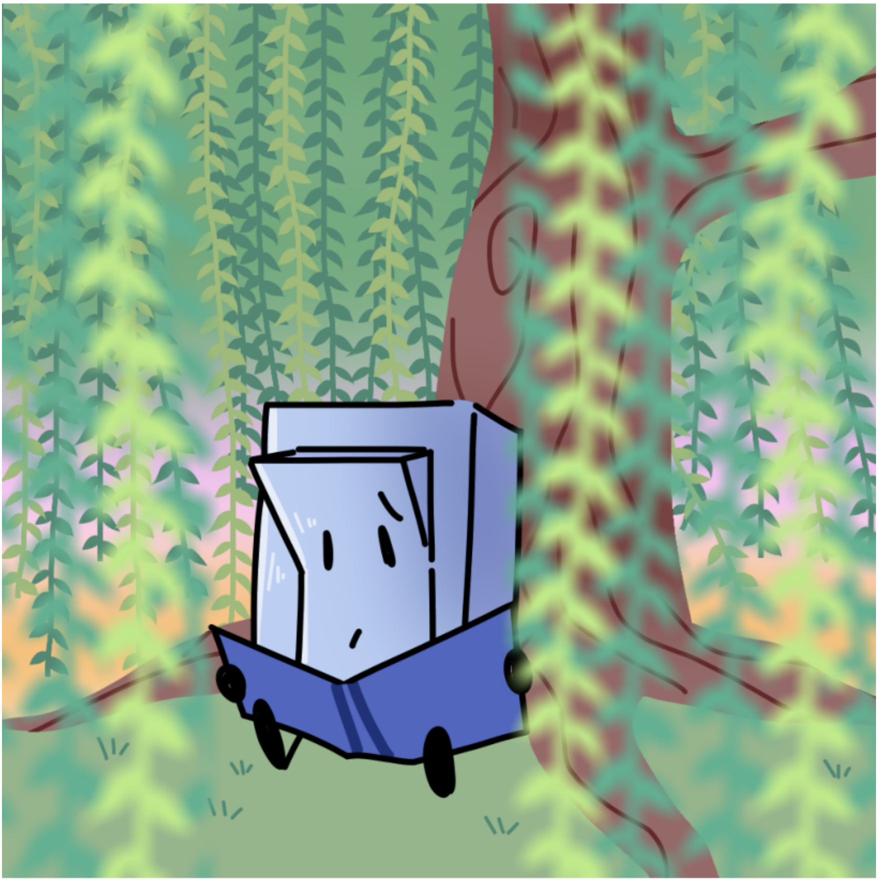
I loved to write the Seven and One conversation, i wanted them to have a casual chat and be friendly to each other.

This chapter is not long but is not as short as the last one.

I'm impressed on how much this story grew even if i didn't publish any chapter in months. Like it went to 1k to 3.6k, How is that even possible? I don't feel deserving after neglecting this story for so long, i think that what i actually want to say is just, thanks.

A series of bad decisions

The forest was quiet. Liy was sitting on one of the tree's roots as she looked at the leaves dancing with the soft wind. Her eyes closed, and she took a deep breath, enjoying her time alone. "Willows are really beautiful trees; they seem like they were taken out of a fairy tale," she said to herself. After a while she opened the sudoku book again, looking at the puzzles she completed with Firey, the ones they decided to not do, and the ones they did wrong and were too lazy to fix.



As the time went on, the birds sang again, returning from the high skies after the earthquake.

"Would *he* be there too?" she asked herself. "If *he's* there, I can't go. I can't let anyone else know what I've done..."

Liy looked at the leaves being carried away by the breeze once more.

"Maybe... maybe, Firey would not care...." she thought "Maybe *he's* not there, maybe none of *them* are there... but i can't know..." several thoughts crossed her mind at that moment "If they are there then I'm doomed, they will come to look for revenge, if they are there then Firey would probably already hate me..."

Liy lay down on the grass, dropping the sudoku book just on her side. The pinkish light of the sky was filtered by the leaves and branches of the willow "I really should go before the night arrives..." she turned and looked at the book again "I think... No, i can't go... i can't go until i finish this book..."

Those words were clearly an excuse but she repeated it to herself enough to actually believe it, as the minutes passed and the light of the day was slowly disappearing, Liy completed as much as she could. The first stars were starting to be visible in the sky and she was not quite satisfied just yet.

In the middle of a puzzle she was stuck on, something interrupted her.

Liy heard a sound from behind the bushes.

"I know you are in there; come back I'm not going to hurt you!" someone shouted from there. Liy smirked and closed the book, after that she stood up.

"Hey bush what's your wisdom?" she asked.

Three came out of the bushes immediately, wondering who was that other voice. He was walking around the forest in the search of something, Liy was the second person he met during his path.

"Have you seen a rock around?" Three asked to her in a tired tone.

"A rock? Well, there are many rocks in this forest..." Liy replied, unsure if trust this strange thing that was talking to her.

He was like nothing she ever saw in her entire life, the eyes, the way he moved and the feeling she felt after watching him. It was weird to describe with precision what was wrong with the person she had faced.

"No, not just a normal rock. I mean, a rock that is alive and can walk... like you, but a rock!" Three said. Seconds later, they noticed how weirdly phrased that was and felt a little embarrassed "I'm Three by the way"

"I'm Liy, and i didn't see any walking rock around. Why do you want to find them?" Liy stepped back a little.

"Well, I had this thing that was mine and... This little rock ate it, now I need to get it back," Three said evasively...

When three just woke up, he found a little rock on their side. Unlike normal rocks; this one walked and spoke, He had never seen a being like that, and between his confusion for that creature and he still being somewhat drowsy, he had let the small rock take his beloved crown and with it, all their hopes and ambitions.

"Is it something eatable?" Liy asked.

"Of course not, if it was eatable, I wouldn't have any opportunity to get it back by this method," Three was a bit nervous and a little afraid of revealing too much as he usually did the past, causing more problems than expected "I don't know if that rock can actually digest it... maybe they can, I don't know, I know little about your... species?"

"I'm not a rock" Liy replied somewhat amused by the awkwardness with which her interlocutor spoke.

"Oh sorry, i thought all of the objects with limbs where a species. My bad," Three said diverting their gaze "Whatever, i need to find it quick"

"Is it something important?"

"Well..." Three was considering if the risk of telling this random stranger was worth it or not.

"What-"

"Nothing, nothing You know what? forget it, forget you see me and forget we talked about this" Three hid in the bushes again, they were waiting for Liy to look away and stop paying attention to him before running, but she didn't.

Liy was confused by this strange thing "Maybe this place is full of weirdos... that would say a lot about what kind of person I am..." she smiled a little after thinking that. Almost two minutes passed without either of them doing anything, and what at first seemed funny to her began to become tiresome.

"Are you gonna leave or not?" she finally asked.

"..."

"Ahem, Three? Hello...?" Liy came a few steps closer after saying that.

"pshhh... pshhh"

"What the-"

"I'm not Three I'm a... bush...?" Three was faking a much more high-pitched voice as he started to get into the 'character' "I am a magic bush person like, em... i lost my limbs in a war three years- no, four years ago and I'm blind?"

Liy stayed quiet while looking at the 'magic bush person'. Three on the other hand lamented his lame performance "that's the best you can do? after all these years of pathfinder you still suck" he thought.

"You know Three- i mean 'magic bush person'... i can help you find your little rock" Liy said "But only if you give me something in exchange"

"What do you want strange creature?" Three said, still in character, even he recognized it was ridiculous but at this point it was too late to stop.

"Do you know how to play sudoku?" Liy finally asked.

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Four felt really uncomfortable since X left, the other numbers were not mean but they were not friendly either. Nobody seemed to want to talk or do anything since he wasn't capable of flying or doing any of the other crazy things X was capable of, it was very obviously a reaction to him, and he couldn't stop thinking it was his fault that everyone stopped having fun.

Four wanted to help when the little golf ball with legs was looking for volunteers, but the others didn't let him do that "Stay here, you would want to wait till X comes back don't you?" and other similar phrases were the only thing he heard. He was not dumb, they were obviously being condescending which confused him, Five, Six and Eight didn't have powers, it was nonsensical in Four's eyes.

It was not fair that Nine left and he couldn't, yeah, maybe Four could not recover people but they were virtually the same in physical strength and it's not like they were going to need flying, and other superpowers, after all, most of the objects didn't have those either.

He just sat and looked at everyone around him, the volunteers came and went, busy and in a hurry, walking from one place to another and since both the paths and the work were marked, everything went quickly and efficiently, like a hive.

Among all the volunteers who passed through his eyes, there was one that particularly caught his attention. Unlike the others, they were incredibly fast and seemed to complete their tasks much quicker than the others. The weirdest thing was the language, because unlike the others she was speaking in insulavoric which was a very uncommon thing to see "I wonder if they come from the delta archipelago" Four thought, smiling at his only means to entertain himself.

Five was on his side, as everyone around, Five was uncomfortable and bored. The last thing he wanted to do was talk about Four's lack of power but they also wanted to break the silence, and now this weird interest he was noticing in Four was the perfect opportunity to do so.

"Hey Four, what are you watching?" Five asked hesitantly, Four look at him startled, he was not expecting anyone to talk to him.

Four turned to Five and as he did, Six and Eight also looked at him.

"I was, well... looking at that thing" he said pointing Dora who was far away, Five looked at her.

"Why are you doing it exactly?" Five asked giggling.

Four felt insulted by this reaction and didn't want to continue this conversation anymore "They are just asking me to make fun of it" after thinking that Four just turned his gaze to Dora again and tried ignore Five completely.

Five was not going to give up that easily so he started to ask again and again "Four? Tell me why?" "Why don't you answer me? are you scared?" but Four didn't answer any of his questions. Eight and Six looked at each other, knowing how this kind of situations usually ended back in the equation playground, Six was curious to see how would Four's temper explode in Five's face now that he didn't have any powers; Eight on the other hand already knew.

"Four, It is really rude to let someone talking and not answer" Five said with their classic entitled tone and Four finally looked back at him.

"YOU ARE INSUFFERABLE!" Four shouted at Five, Six started to laugh.

Five cringed and Four stand up while he continued.

"WHY CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND WHEN SOMEONE DOESN'T LIKE YOU FIVE? THIS IS ALWAYS THE PROBLEM WITH YOU, YOU ARE SUCH AN ANOYING WASTE OF LIVING MATTER, THAT'S WHY NOBODY LIKES TO BE WITH YOU, EVEN THE LOSER OF THREE DOESN'T WANT TO BE YOUR FRIEND, WHY DO YOU THINK I

WOULD WANT TO TALK TO YOU AND WASTE EVEN A SECOND WITH YOU, TAKE THE HINT AND SHUT UP!"

Four sat in his place again and tried to forget Five was even there. Five was really offended and kept trying to talk to Four even after he was very clear about not listening to him, but Four was already over with Five, no matter what tone or volume Five's voice had, Four didn't turn back to him again. Six was trying to not burst into laughing after that, Eight just smiled and said:

"Well some things never change..." Eight never thought they would miss those rants.

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They found another broken pipe on their way, was already outside the wall where it was previously located, Luckily, it was an electricity pipe and not a gas or water pipe, which would have complicated the process. Ruby noted on her map with a big red X where that was located, Lego brick on the other hand only continued to examine the tube and the wires it contained.

"This is no longer functional but still has electrical power" Lego brick clarified "We will need to turn the generator off if we want to repair it"

"I know..." Ruby said.

"Oh, sorry i was thinking out loud" Lego brick turned to Ruby "Hmm... You look kinda.... apathetic..."

"I'm bored"

Ruby and Lego brick were in charge of locating all of the important damages of the earthquake in the third and fourth floors. Golf ball said that sending people to check how many resources were needed will make the eventual repairs easier, truth or not Ruby was really not happy with her job. After being on the recognition teams, part of the help group for the people with injuries after the tremors and now this, she was both mentally and physically exhausted.

"Don't worry we're nearly over"

"I know, but after we finish then we will need to return and Golf ball will give us other job and agh..." Ruby sighted in frustration "Bossy bot Golf ball...." She whispered.

"You know? This is not mandatory; you don't have to do anything" Lego brick said to her.

"I don't want to be useless Bricky, can i call you Bricky? I don't want to stop helping i just want a break" Ruby returned to her usual joyful tone.

"Maybe we should take a break"

"How?"

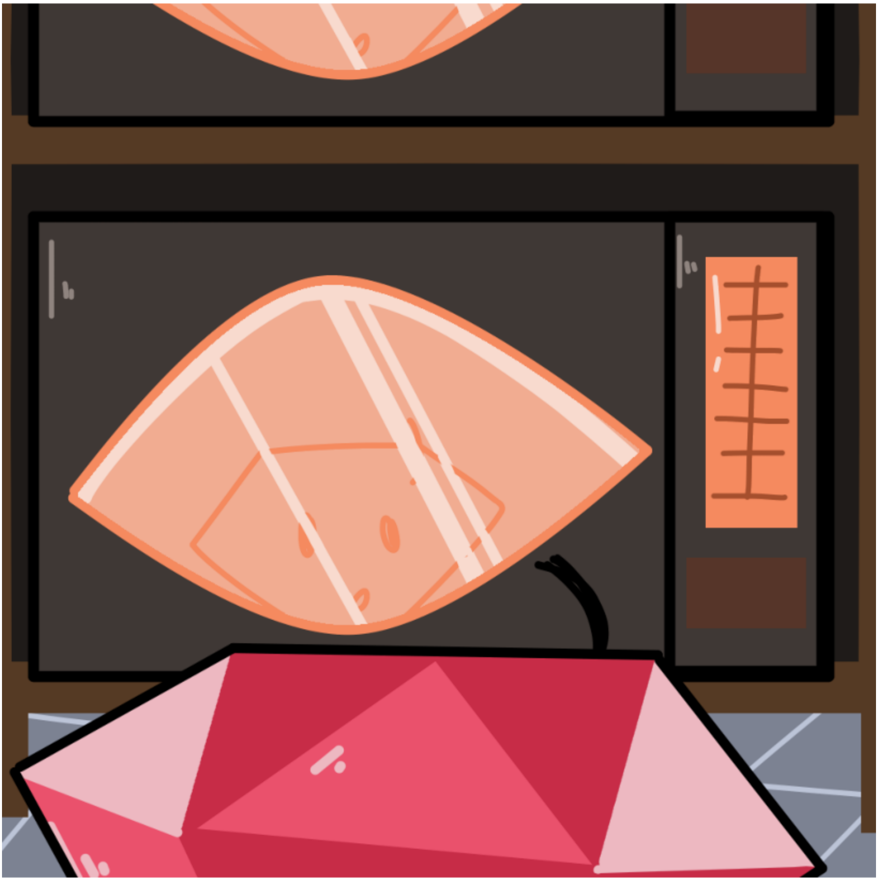
"At this moment Tennis ball should have already finished his exploration of the basement, if we go there nobody will notice, then once you are ready, we can return and help as much as you want to" Lego brick proposed.

"Yay!" Ruby cheered.

They rushed to finish their job and instead of returning to the ground floor, they went to the stairs of the basement. Ruby was full of excitement and joy, not only because of the forbidden break but also because she was curious about what was inside.

Lego brick didn't get in, he stood outside on guard, if Golf ball, Tennis ball or any of the trust worthy people wanted to get inside he would tap on the door with his foot warning Ruby that she needed to hide.

As she walked around the basement Ruby started to notice all of the weird things. The basement looked like a big warehouse, but instead of boxes there were some black metallic objects, which were like domestic ovens. Ruby walked on the first aisle and the second and so on, but that was all she could find "Oh come on Ruby, you came here to rest not to watch the equivalent of the entire yellow face furnace depot" and she sat in the floor of one of the aisles.



After a few minutes she looked at the weird object on her side and started to play with the buttons, but at the moment she touched the red one an unnatural light came from the "oven" and Ruby nearly screamed after such a surprize.

"What..." Ruby said.

Ruby watched the thing for a few seconds and after that she saw a little message projected on the glass "ERROR: Please introduce a valid drink next time" Ruby was confused.

She touched the buttons again, but it didn't work, she tried and tried until she added the number "04012011" without noticing and the object started to process the order. Ruby stepped back and after a few seconds a little ring came from the "oven".

Ruby opened the door revealing a little can on the other side, she picked it up and inspected the can. It was red with a diagonal white line on it, over that line it was written "Fizz" in red. It was possibly just a generic soft drink in Ruby's eyes, and Ruby, having such a sweet tooth; drank it in a second.

Fascinated by such a discovery she started to push random numbers in all of the other black ovens around, generating multiple things. She generated, three rainbow cups, seven party hats, fifty-seven pencils, fourteen air fresheners, five packages of toilet paper, four piggy banks, a plate of seven cookies with marshmallows and chocolate chips (that she ate immediately after generating), two spring door stoppers, six eggs and one hundred and two cans of Dr. Fizz.

"LEGO BRICK COME HERE QUICK!" she screamed, wanting to share her luck with him.

Lego brick ran into the basement scared that maybe Ruby was in danger but that was just not the case, he observed Ruby surrounded by multiple items with no apparent correlation.

"Look" she said as she introduced a number in one of the ovens, after a few seconds a new can was generated.

"Woah, so this is the basement" Lego brick was impressed by such a technology, it was the first time he was watching them in person "with this machine we can generate all of the food we need"

"Well i guess, but it's all a matter of luck" Ruby said as she started to put random numbers again in another one of the ovens "You see, this needs a special number to work, that's why i wrote some in the floor" she said as she pointed them.

"Like the recovery centers in Yoyle city..." said Lego brick fascinated.

"The what?" Asked Ruby on confusion.

"Nothing... It's just interesting" It was a lie, but with all the good intentions behind. Lego brick Doubet Ruby would get any kind of engage from him talking and explaining the long story of the IMGs (infinite matter generators)

"Want some cookies?" Ruby said while generating another plate.

Ruby and Lego brick sat and ate all of the cookies they could, these machines made the best cookies they've ever tasted. It was like if the recipe was followed with precision with the best ingredients and with the ideal temperature, and that was very much the case.

"Well Ruby i think we should go..." Lego brick said as he stood up again.

"Go? You mean leave this place? Why?"

"Tennis ball can return at any moment and we don't have any permission to be here" He was now nervous about that fact, much more than before when his desire for cookies was stronger than his actual reasoning.

"Why do you worry so much, GB doesn't even have her incinerator anymore" Ruby was not worried at all.

"And we are not really causing any damage" Ruby added "Come on, let's just prove these things for a little longer, what's the worst thing that could happen?"

Lego brick had no other choice than accept it, it was clear Ruby already decided she wasn't leaving and the least he could do was to be around her so she didn't get in trouble "If someone finds us i'm sure Golf ball will be less severe",

Lego brick was far away from Ruby when he found something very strange, one of the IMG had no identifier. Unlike the other it didn't present any error massage after introducing the incorrect code, he called Ruby and they both tried all of the other codes and after that, they took turns to choose a random number.

After a while Lego brick started to think it was just a lost cause, the most plausible answer was that it was in fact just broken and, no matter how much they tried, it would never generate anything, after all it didn't even have an identifier. Ruby on the other hand was still driven by her curiosity, if the generator didn't have an identifier the possibilities were unlimited.

"Ruby i think we should stop"

"Why stop? in every try we are closer to the correct code"

"First of all, that's not true and second of all we don't really know if there's correct code at all!" After finishing he thought for a second about explaining on dept about probability and the logic of the gambling addicts but again, it would probably be a waste of time.

"But what if it is, there's like zillions of codes we didn't introduce yet, wait.... is that actually, correct?" Ruby's voice sounded curious.

"no... we only have 1,814,400 possible combinations..."

"Hah.... you did the Golf ball thing" Ruby giggled.

"Whatever, let's get out of here before someone comes" Lego brick was losing his patience.

"Just one last try" She implored.

"Fine but do it quickly" said as he forced himself to speak in a low volume.

"No, you are the one doing it"

"What? Why?"

"I don't know, just do it" Ruby said that while pushing him to the IMG.

Just after finishing to say that, they heard steps coming from the stairs. Ruby gasped and turned to the basements entrance, the both of them tried to hide in the space in between the IMGs. The sound of the voices was unmistakable, TB and GB were having a conversation, it was not easy to understand exactly what they were saying though, the echo distorted their voices until they went all the way down the stairs.

The hiding place was not close to the disaster Ruby made so they felt safe. Ruby tried to ignore the fact that no matter what, she would feel uncomfortable in that tiny space, Lego brick on the other hand just tried to listen the conversation.

"TB I'm surprized you actually know what these are" GB said.

"Oh yeah, i read the 'Long story about Yoylelese technology' years ago, you always make the best recommendations"

"I did? Oh, ok" It was weird for the most part, dealing with your counterpart of other timeline actions.

"The infinite matter generators, these ones actually look more advanced than the ones of the book"

"Do you have any theory to explain it?" GB asked.

"Nope, but I'm working on it" TB was nearly singing as he completed that phrase.

"Wait what is that?"

"Oh no, someone got into the room while i was looking for you"

Golf ball and Tennis ball were going to be focused on that aisle for a while, it was the perfect moment to escape. Lego brick made a sign but Ruby totally ignored him.

"Ruby, let's go!"

"You said one last code"

"Are you serious?"

"Mhmm" Ruby was also nodding as she said that.

Lego brick was about to lose his cool and yell at her but the desire of not getting in trouble was stronger than his anger. Without even saying a word he stood in front of the oven and hit the buttons adding the last code with frustration, Ruby watched satisfied.

"Ok i did it now let's go" Lego brick said but then a little light beep started to flicker from the IMG.

Lego brick stepped back and after just five seconds the machines stopped, the lights turned off and a little smoke came from it. The IMG wasn't broken, but now it was. Ruby got closer to it and opened the "oven", in the interior there was a little cage lined with red velvet, Ruby took it and then both of them left.

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I tried to make a draw for the second fraction but i just couldn't, all of the ideas i came up with were not interesting :(

Loyalty

The earth finally succumbed to gravity, and a rock slide had cut her just above her eye, but something was not right. Pencil felt an acute pain coming from her arm, she didn't feel the air that crossed as she fell, when she opened her eyes someone else was there, she looked up and she saw Match grabbing her from the arm, her face was full of fear and anger.

"What's like, wrong with you Pence-Pence?" she said at the moment their eyes met, Pencil was happy to see Match again and she smiled.

As Match tried to drag her back to the surface Pencil heard some other familiar voices.

"Oh, my Bubble blower! What shoild i do?" mumbled Bubble while she was walking in circles nervously.

"Don't freak out Bubble, i know what to do" Book said.

Three members of the alliance were there as a rescue team, formed after Pencil was localized in an unstable zone of the island. As soon as Gb decided to rescue Pencil at all Match, Bubble and Book joined the mission.

Book turned herself to the small bag they were given back in the building, she took a rope out and got closer to Match and Pencil.

"It is too dangerous for us to come closer, take the rope!" She said as she threw the rope to them. Match held Pencil with only one of her arms in order to grab the rope, which made her collapse for a few seconds, but then she managed to pass it and Pencil gripped it. Match stepped back, and with Book and Bubble they got Pencil safe.

They all gasped tiredly as Book put the rope back in her bag. Pencil was confused but that didn't change her joy of seeing all of her old friends coming to save her. Match looked at her for a few seconds and after interchanging a smile, Match slapped Pencil.

"What was that about?" Pencil said while she rubbed her cheek.

"That's what you get for like, scaring everyone!" Match scolded "What were you like thinking?"

Pencil didn't say a thing, she didn't quite understand the dangers of the zone when she decided to cross there, but she did understand the dangers of walking around an unexplored area as the island was. All her thoughts were of repentance for a second, she escaped from the building thinking this new reality was just gonna let her down, that her friends were not around anymore, and there they were. Match hugged her.

Pencil looked at Bubble, she looked back at her, none of them said a thing but the message was clear as Pencil nodded and Bubble smiled in response.

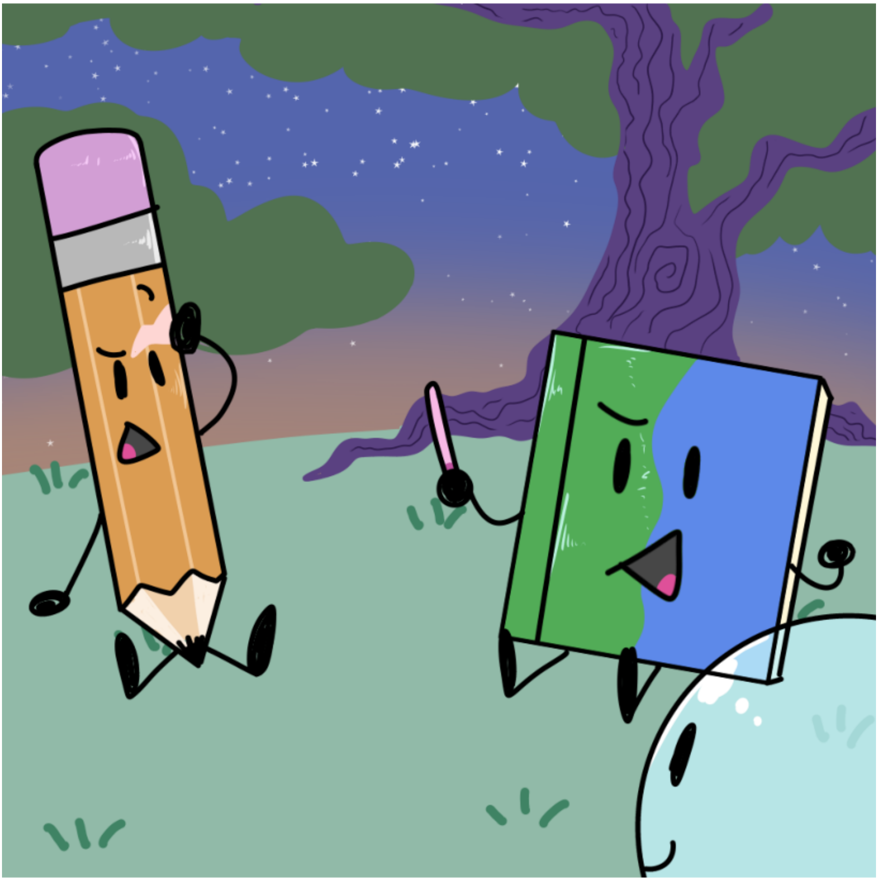
"I see a little wound, let's treat it" Book said looking again at the bag, Bubble was on her side.

"I mean, it's a cut in wood, how are you gonna treat that?" Pencil asked to Book.

Book got a weird container and a nail file.

"It's just to hide the cut actually, we are objects is not like we can recover on our own" Book opened the container and got some clay, after covering the cut completely she stowed the container again.

"Once it dries, i will paint it on your tone of yellow again" Book said



"And why did you get the nail file?" Pencil asked

"I broke a nail while I was stretching the rope" she said and started to use it.

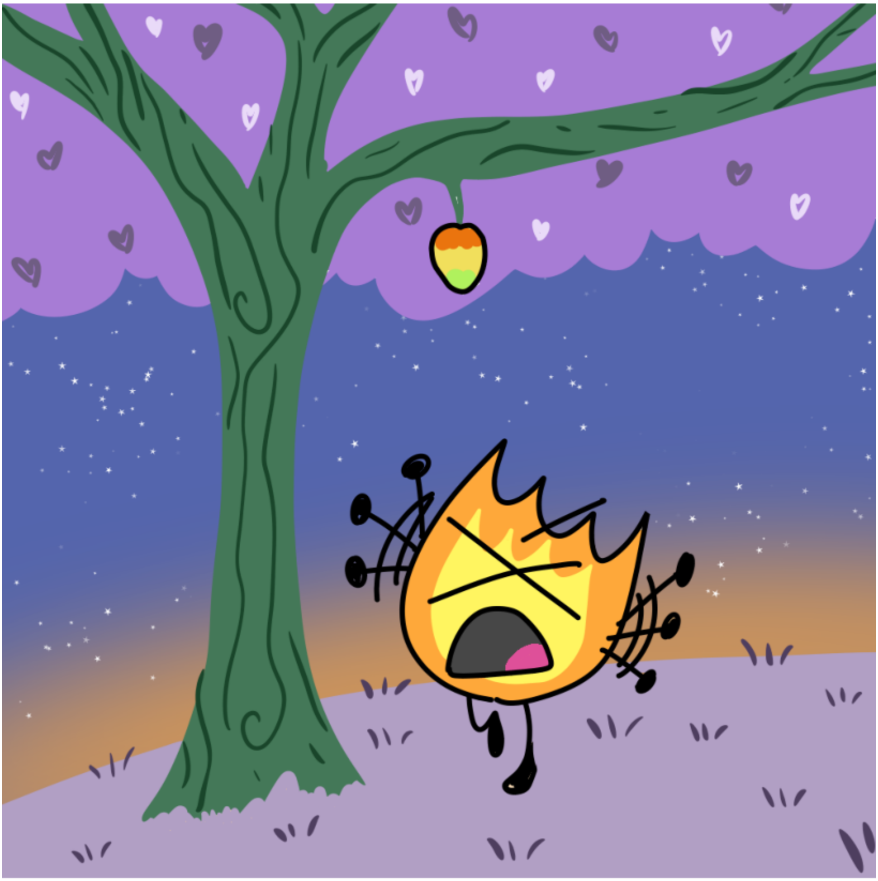
All of them got up and walked into the forest. Pencil was full of questions.

"How did you find me?"

"Well, Puffball said you were near this area" Bubble said "After that we all volunteered to come and pick you up"

"Firey came too but he went like, distracted" Match giggled "He found a soha berry tree and it's trying to like, get one. We have to take him with us back to the building"

Firey jumped again and again, extending his arms as much as he could "Don't give up!" he said without stopping his attempts and also without any results.



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"That should be enough, now you can go back with your friends or whatever" Conch Shell said as she finished to tie the last bandage.

Grassy nodded and left with a big smile in his face. As he got farer away Shelly felt satisfied for another work well done, she looked around her trying to find any injured object waiting for her help, but the improvised nursery was finally empty.

Coming out of it she sighted, once again she was alone with her thoughts. She waiting in the entrance, "I can't just leave, maybe someone will come". The sounds of people talking were just white noise for her and as the time passed, she started to hear her own inner voice, the intrusive thoughts tormented her apparent calm. Since she appeared there Shelly couldn't stop to think this entire situation was her fault, she wanted to return to her timeline now, she wanted to see her friends again.

"Soon someone will come, if i don't have more patients then i will be done" she repeated in her mind in an effort to stop her train of thoughts. She was so focused in this exercise that didn't notice Dreartop in her right who was just about to speak.

"Hello Shelly, i was thinking a few minutes ago with my new friend Profily, they were very nice with me so i hope we can all be friends eventually but that's not why i'm here, sorry i'm not good at keeping a single topic, sometimes i just can't stop to say all the thoughts i have as they come to my head and that's annoying, you know? Whatever I'm talking about nothing again, augh, i was talking with my friend Profily about how you were a nurse and you never told me about it, i was honestly very offended with the entire situation even if we were friends for a really little amount of time and after an entire hour of considerations i can affirm i just got over it, isn't that great? You know Shelly? i totally forgive you for not telling me your profession before these terrible events, and now i just noticed i never told me what i do, oh i'm such a hypocrite i can't believe it, well returning to the profession thing, you will not believe it but i'm a critic in an important magazine called *The glazed sunset*, the name doesn't have any sense i know, i tried to figure it out back when i was a novice but no one could tell me what it means, my editor told me it was an inside joke from the original writers of the magazine but they died in a terrible series of circumstances decades ago so nobody can tell what it is about, the closer answer i got was when i search it in internet but i doubt it has something to do with baking, unless..."

Conch shell felt weirded out after Drear-top presented themself, she was very clear with her non-verbal language about not wanting to be her friend, now she was here again but strangely enough she didn't feel that much disgust with that. Drear-top's unstoppable chatting was actually very useful now, focusing on them she could escape the fatalist mind inside of her inner voice. Shelly looked at them and said nothing for several seconds until Drear-top noticed it.

"...and well that kitten was not really him but obviously everyone could tell it looked like him because of the black spot and..." Drear-top stopped "Oh sorry, want to say something? you can interrupt me whenever you want"

"No, just, keep going... Keep talking please..." She said and Drear-top's eyes were filled with joy.

"We couldn't say it out loud because we wanted to be respectful with our classmate, i putted both of my hands in my mouth and tried hard to be quiet, it was horrendous, i was honestly traumatized from that moment onwards. When the day was over Gonspy said that he was organizing a party on his house that night and we were all invited, i was really excited, i was never invited in a party and he was the coolest guy in the school, oh my sadness now you will think i was in love with him and i was not i swear, he was just cool, i never thought on being with him, i just can't, but that's a complete other issue, as i was saying the party was great, it was the first time i was in one and there was a lot of food, all for free! isn't that amazing! The music was too loud i think, i could barely be listened without screaming and i don't like to scream, my throat dies immediately when i scream and then i have no voice for like, an entire week, people back then wanted to make me scream because..."

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In the depts of the forest, three souls were walking. In the head of the group a leaf was hopping among her path, while the other two just followed her. The night was coming and soon the sky was going to be covered by a dark veil.

The day has not been easy for them in any way, waking up i a mysterious island, finding out that many of their loved ones were not who they remembered and getting stuck in the third floor of a hotel after an earthquake were all things that, singularly, can make you get exhausted, and they were all in the same day.

After they returned to safety Leafy decided to join Gelatin's and Bracelety's team and try to be friends with them. Weirdly enough she managed to become the leader of the group even if she wasn't originally invited.

As the time passed, they were getting closer to the place they saw indicated in TV's screen. The path was quiet most of the time, Bracelety and Gelatin sometimes interchanged sighs but neither of both wanted to start a conversation. Leafy made commentaries for time to time but her attempts to initiate a small talk were not effective, even when her desired friends answered their responses were short and cold.

"Leafy, i don't think this is something necessary, you can go back with Firey if you want to" Gelatin said without looking at her.

"Gelatin, Firey may be my friend but now you and Bracelety are my friends too, i enjoy spending time with you" Leafy felt that way with total sincerity but those words didn't feel honest in the minds of the other two.

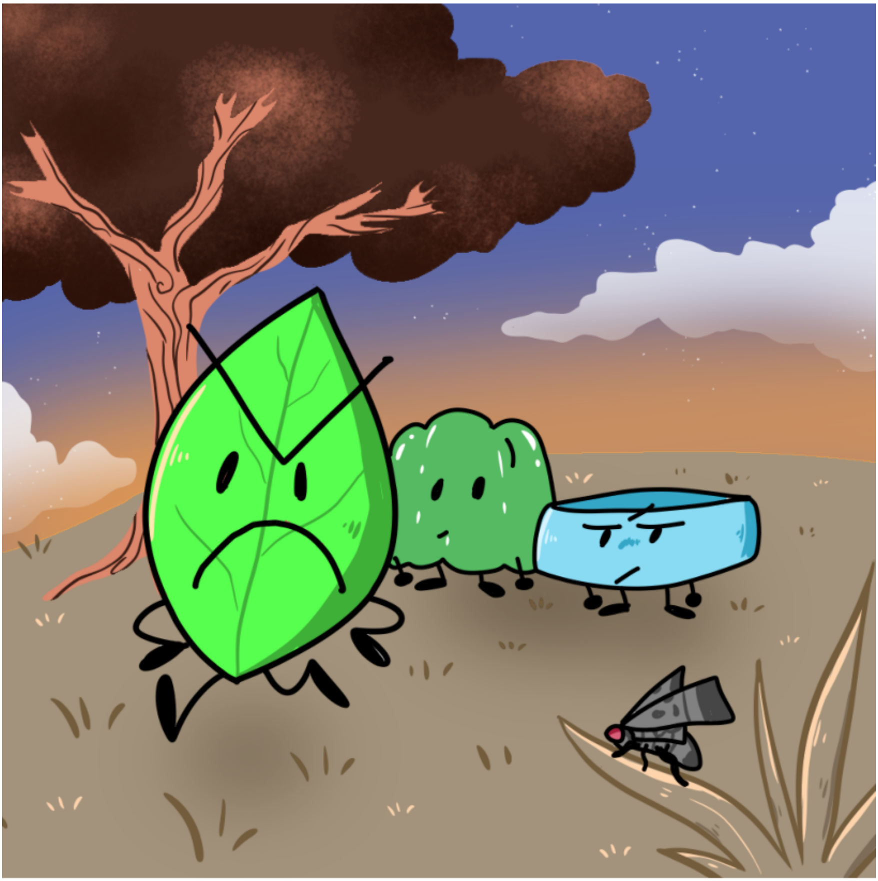
Gelatin and Bracelety looked at each other and stayed in silence.

"What? You don't believe me? Hmmp" Leafy said frustrated.

"Well, you don't have to be so mean if you don't like my company"

"Leafy we are not saying-" Bracelety tried to speak.

"Whatever" Leafy interrupted her.



Leafy walked away, Bracelety and Gelatin decided to follow her and maybe resolve the situation somehow. She turned to them after a a few seconds.

"Why are you following me?" She asked.

"Because we love and care about you" Bracelety answered .

"Really?" Leafy asked.

Leafy recovered her mood and a smiled showed in her face.

"Because we are not supposed to separate while we are outside" Gelatin answered with more sincerity.

"...of course,"

"Leafy you don't have to take this like that," Bracelety tried to make her feel better"i mean, there's a lot of people in this island, including the ones who are already your friends!"

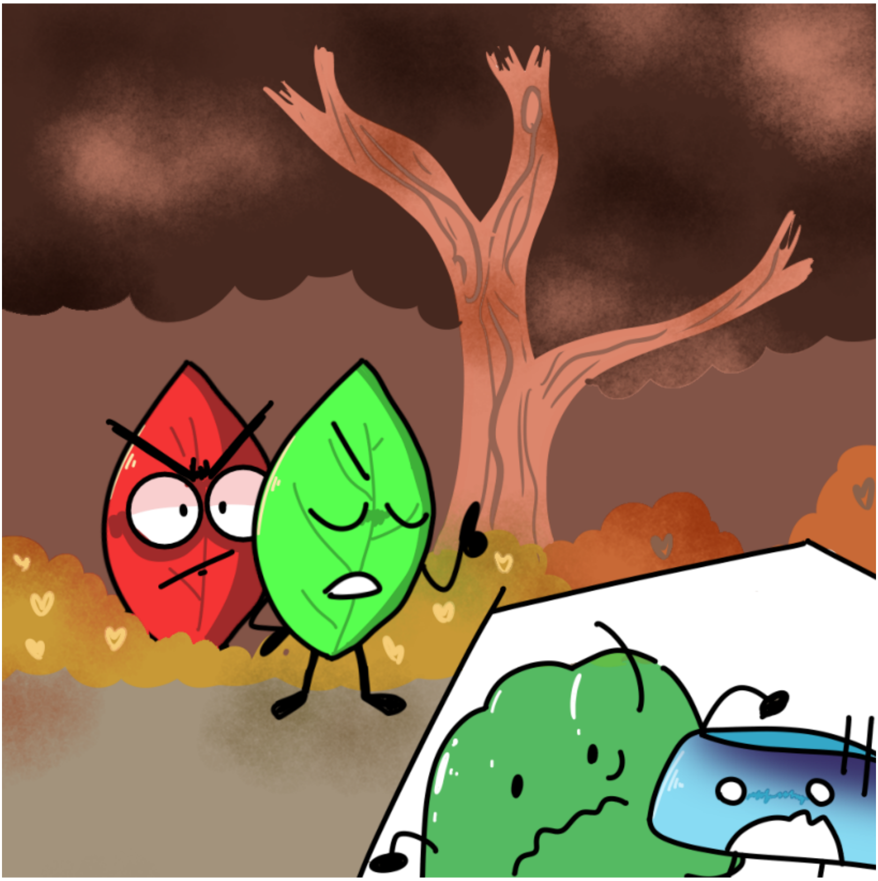
"But this is not fair" Leafy said "I was trying to be so nice to you"

"That's not how friendships work" Gelatin answered.

"Well at any case it still seems very rude to act like that, maybe you should try to be nice yourself and understand other's feelings. I get that i am not entitled to your friendship but this was definetly not the way to voice out your frustration..."

"Leafy..." Bracelety said as she stepped back.

"Let me finish!" Leafy shouted "as i was saying maybe you should wait until the perfect moment instead of being so cold, What kind of attitude is that?"



Leafy looked around after her talk but nobody was in her sight, she was upset, they just left her speaking to the air.

"Augh, maybe they weren't that worth as friendships after all..."said Leafy.

Leafy walked away without any direction, the nigh was closer than ever and the starts were perfectly clear in the sky. She didn't notice someone was following her.

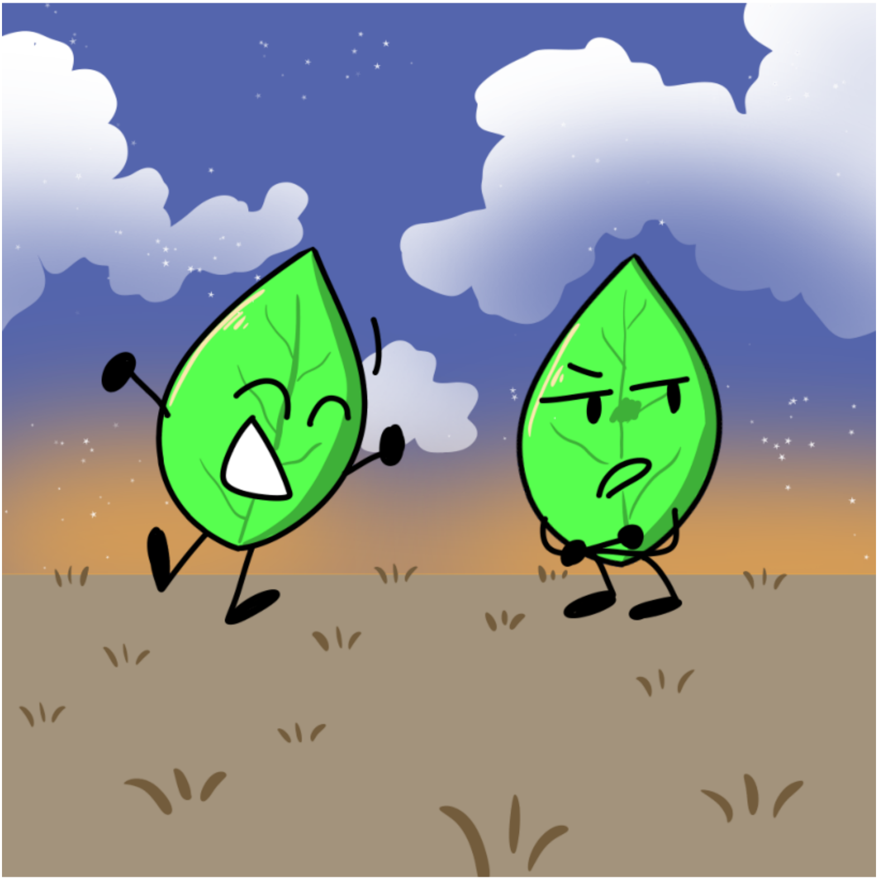
"Hey" a voice said "Where are you going?"

Leafy looked behind her and found a red leaf staring at her.

"Oh..." Leafy said surprized "It's just you"

Evil leafy returned to her normal form, it had no point when Leafy was around.

"Why the long face? Aren't you happy to see me again?"



"Honestly, i was expecting to be the only me in this island" Leafy said.

"That was cruel, how dare you to say such a thing?" Evil Leafy said "And you know? we are not the same, I'm not around trying to be friends with those two and failing miserably!" Evil leafy said sarcastically.

"Your existence is sad and lone" She was right.

"Look at who's talking" Evil Leafy replied.

"I'm not alone anymore, Firey here remembers who i am, now i can fix everything, I know, your jealous of my Luck" Leafy said with a soft tone.

"Why would i? He ignored me for years and let everyone treat me like trash. I don't want to be friends with him" Evil Leafy said

"No, he didn't"

"Yes, he did"

"He forgot!" Leafy said in justification

"I don't care Leafy" Evil Leafy finally said.

After this little argue Evil Leafy returned to her more recognizable self and left Leafy in an instant after teleporting.

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The second part doesn't have a picture again, the closer to it was a drawing i made in the only other book i have. I didn't want to adapt it to this fanfic because it was going to look very lazy but i made three drawings for Leafy's part instead xd

I know the Evil Leafy part can be confusing. Her backstory in this fic is related with time travel and stuff, so i was thinking... Would you like a book about the story of this Evil Leafy i'm using in this fic? Would you read that?. It will be not necessary to read it to understand the plot of this one if i actually make it btw, Evil Leafy's story will be explained later when she becomes more relevant, it will be just a narrated version of that (and coming much before this book uses it)

This story was originally going to have four fractions, but the difference between the fourth part and the other three was too notable, so i decided to make the fourth part the next chapter (next chapter will not be fractioned).

A few days ago this fic got 5k views and 200 votes, you have no idea how happy i am about it, thank you guys so much.

They broke the law!

Liy was walking around the building; her breath was irregular and she constantly did strong exhalations. She just didn't like the amount of people around her "They could show up in front of me at any moment" she thought.

Liy was looking for a rock, a rock with legs. She and Three were in that place after seeing other people walk inside, they assumed that their rock was going to be there as well.

"No, no, nobody here seems to be who i'm looking for" Liy thought.

Three was also searching, with even less results somehow. They were overwhelmed by how many objects were in the building, it was something so odd for them, "Where did all of these objects came from?" he was asking and they got entertained with the question enough to stop searching at all at some moments.

Liy asked several people but her efforts were not fructiferous.

"Did you see a rock with legs?" Liy asked.

"Well i didn't see him in months" Balloony answered.

"Ok, thanks i guess" she said and left just to ask the same question again to the closest person around her.

After asking for a while, she got tired and just sat on the side of one of the decorative pots. Helping Three was not really an easy task as she was thinking when she made the treat.

Liy closed her eyes and tried to rest.

"Hi Liy, how is it going?" Someone shouted from a good distance.

Liy jumped and look all over the place, she noticed who was the mysterious caller. She ran into their direction, wanting to be intimidating.

"How do you know me?" Liy asked.

Bracelety cringed and immediately got behind Gelatin.

"We were friends, in other timeline" she said stammering.

"Good excuse"

"No, it's for real" Gelatin tried to calm Liy down.

"huh" Liy was confused "and who are you?"

"We used to compete together in another timeline"

"Prove it"

"Well, you are arrogant, you want to prevent dead because of-" Liy glared at Gelatin stopping him from continuing the sentence.

"How many people know it?" Liy asked.

"I don't know"

"Do you know about two objects called Stapy and Foldy?" Liy whispered.

"Of course, they are probably around here, everybody is here" Gelatin said, but when he finished his sentence Liy was no longer around "Liy?"

Liy could not believe it, they were in fact around and other people already knew. It was going to be a hell on earth for her. While she was focused on these thoughts, she heard a voice.

"LIY, I FOUND IT" Three was announcing.

Liy ran to meet Three but what she found was not what she was expecting, at all.

Three showed with a great excitement a Firey weirdly made into stone...

"You know Liy this was fun but now i think we are finally closer to end this conditional friendship"

"This is, Firey" She said.

"Hi Liy, How has it been?"

"Hi Firey" Liy said.

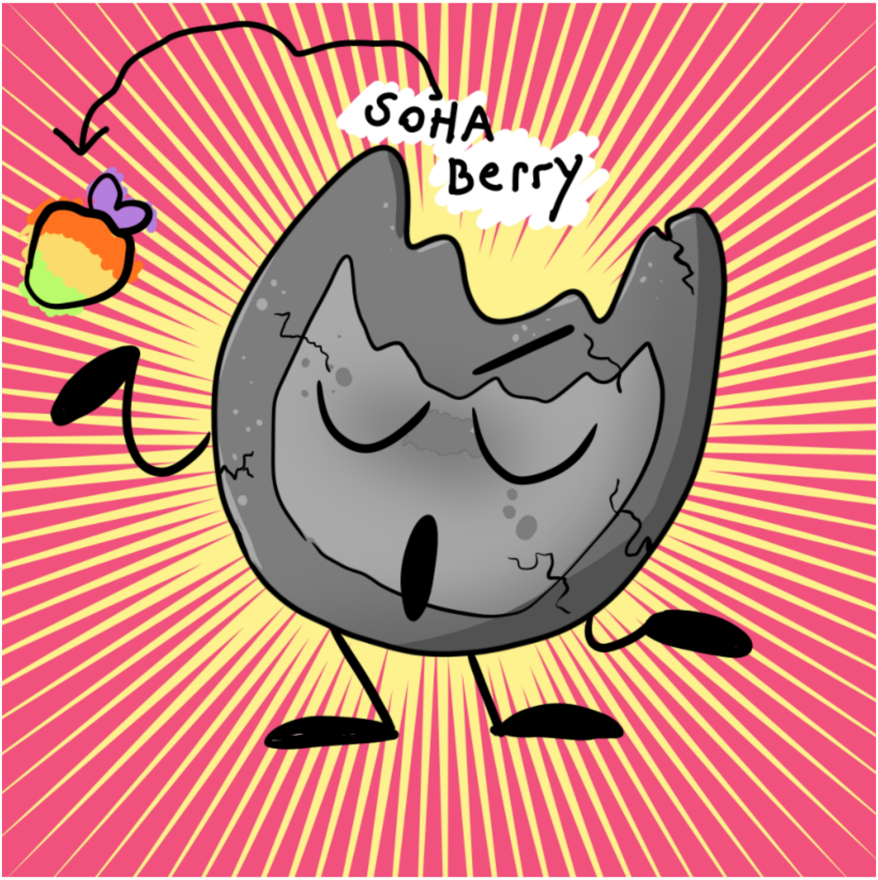
"But it is a rock, it changed since the last time i saw it though, now it has arms, is that normal in objects?" Three was trying to find any sense on his conclusion.

"No!"

"I've always had arms" Firey answered.

"Why are you a rock now?" Liy asked.

"Oh, this thing. I ate a soha berry, so now i'm made of stone until i die"



"Wait? You can do that?" Three said really worried "Oh darn, maybe the rock is now another different object whatsoever"

"You're talking about Rocky?"

"You now him?"

"Yeah, we used to be really close friends" Firey said.

"GIVE IT TO ME" Three said while shaking Firey.

"Your friend is weird Liy"

"Tell me about it" Liy sighed.

Firey led them through what he called "The barf path" saying it was the best way to find Rocky. Three was a bit nervous after Firey confirmed that Rocky was constantly barfing, he was scared that maybe the crown was already in the hands of someone else; it was something Three could not permit, the crown was his and nobody else should ever use it.

When they met Rocky, he was sleeping in a corner.

Firey got close to him and tried to wake him up. Once Rocky was awake, he was immediately angry "How dares Firey to appropriate the rock culture" his worries were not really listened, one because he didn't talk and two because before he could do anything Three was holding him from one of his legs, shaking him while asking for his crown.

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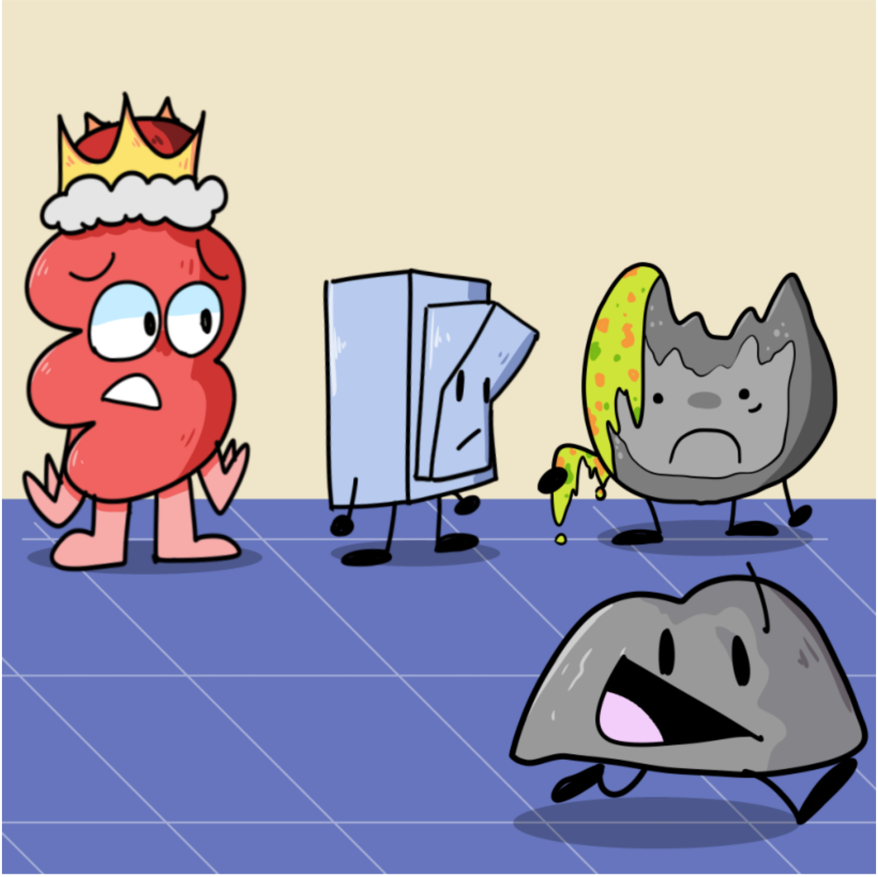
-Maybe if you ask nicely- Firey recommended but Three was not listening to anyone.

Rocky finally barfed it, a shiny golden crown. Three threw Rocky away and went directly to take his treasure back.

Rocky on the other hand was very upset, he barfed over Firey as a revenge for getting these two with him, on Rocky's eyes it was all Firey's fault "That annoying faker".

"Ew" Firey said, as he was speaking Three put the crown in his head.



"You weren't lying about the barf" Three said

"And it doesn't even burn out anymore"

"Burn out?" Liy asked.

"When the heat of the fire makes the barf disappear after a while, now i need to confront my biggest enemy, water"

Firey left thinking about how the water was going to make fun of him now, he was a stone and it wouldn't affect him that much but the water would never forget it.

"So... You are a king?" Liy asked.

"Oh yes, i am" Three said "But don't worry little light switch, your hard work will be always remembered and appreciated once i take this world"

"You what?" The most Three spoke the less she was understanding.

"Just wait and see"

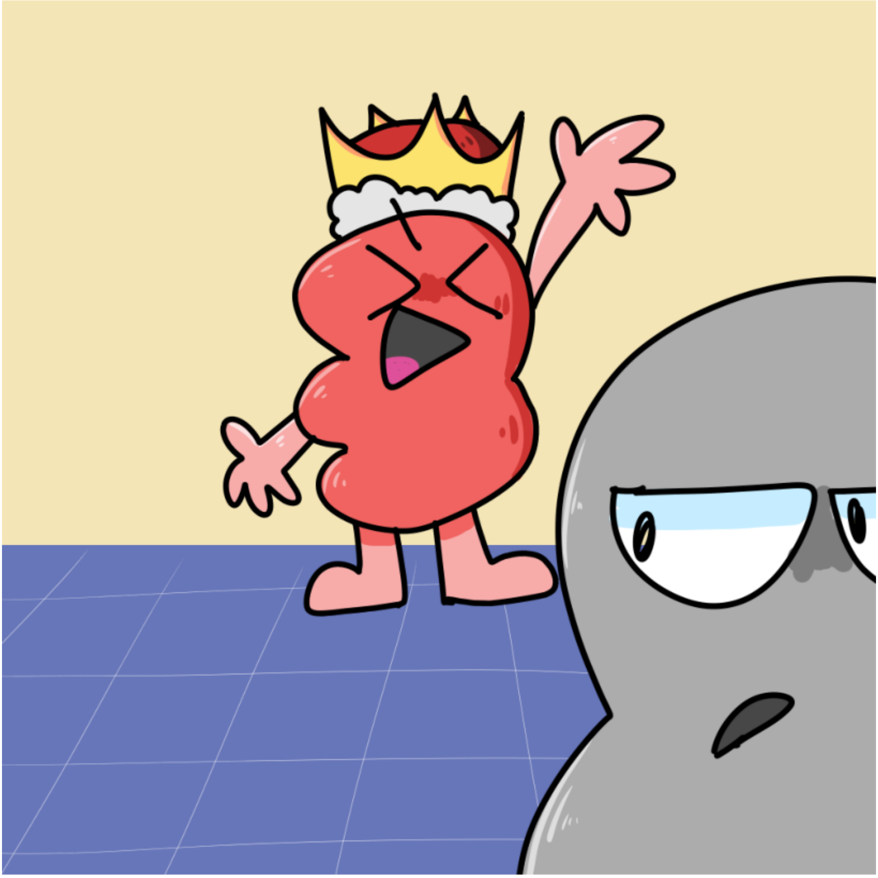
"EVERYONE, NUMBERS, OBJECTS WITH FACE, WEIRD DOODLE FIGURES, LOOK AT YOUR FUTURE LORD BEFORE I TAKE EVERYTHING YOU SEE HERE AS MY OWN, KNEEL BEFORE YOUR NEW KING" Three extended their hand upwards, as if he was trying to impress people with some kind of power demonstration but nothing happened.

Liy was confused.

"You are weird, see you later Three" she said and left, she was going to follow Firey and finally show the sudoku book.

This discourse was also heard by the other numbers, every single one of the looked at the presentation and got relief after the spectacle went exactly like it always did in equation playground.

"Is just Three being Three" Eight said.



After literally everyone lost interest in what this random was saying, Three noticed it didn't work, "How? What just happened? Is it reseted?" they said looking at their hands. He raised his sigh and looked at the other algebraliens playing games in one corner of the building.

"Hmm, i should go with them or it can be suspicious" he whispered to themself without noticing the evident.

Once he was close One made a place for him. Seven didn't mind, they used to hang out from time to time, always trying to have the control of the situation of course, if not, Three would make them create a character sheet with eight pages to play a board game they completely forgot its name.

One was mostly curious about what Three said, like of course nothing happened but he, with the timeline's thing, it was not hard to believe there was something true about their statements.

"Nice crown" they said.

"You like it? Of course, you like it, it is so pretty you know? it's made of pure gold"

"Would you give it to me?" One asked.

"No, NEVER" Three replied.

"Why are you so interested anyways"

"I don't know"

"You are getting information to mock me later, don't you? You guys are always like this"

"Hmmp" One grumbled, they wanted to know more, Three was evasive so a plan was going to be needed.

"Well, ignoring what Three just did, let's continue with our game" Six was winning before.

"Night is already here" Eight mentioned, concerned.

"Thank you for your completely pointless commentary Eight"

"It's night time and we still don't know where Ten is" They clarified.

"Wait you are right"

"It's weird, i thought the exploration teams would find them already" Two said.

"Poor Ten, they're probably suffering in the cold forest" Nine imagined as he trembled.

"They're lost and lonely in this strange place" Six was nearly sobbing.

"We need find them!" Five implored.

"Ten is dead" One said.

Everyone turned to One after they said that.

"How do you know that? Why didn't you mention it before?" Six asked.

"X recover Ten" One asked.

Ten was recovered, and they were confused to see everyone, until their sight went into One.

"Hi, nice to see you again"

"YOU" Ten jumped back "GUYS DON'T LET ME STAY CLOSE TO THEM"

"What's wrong Ten?"

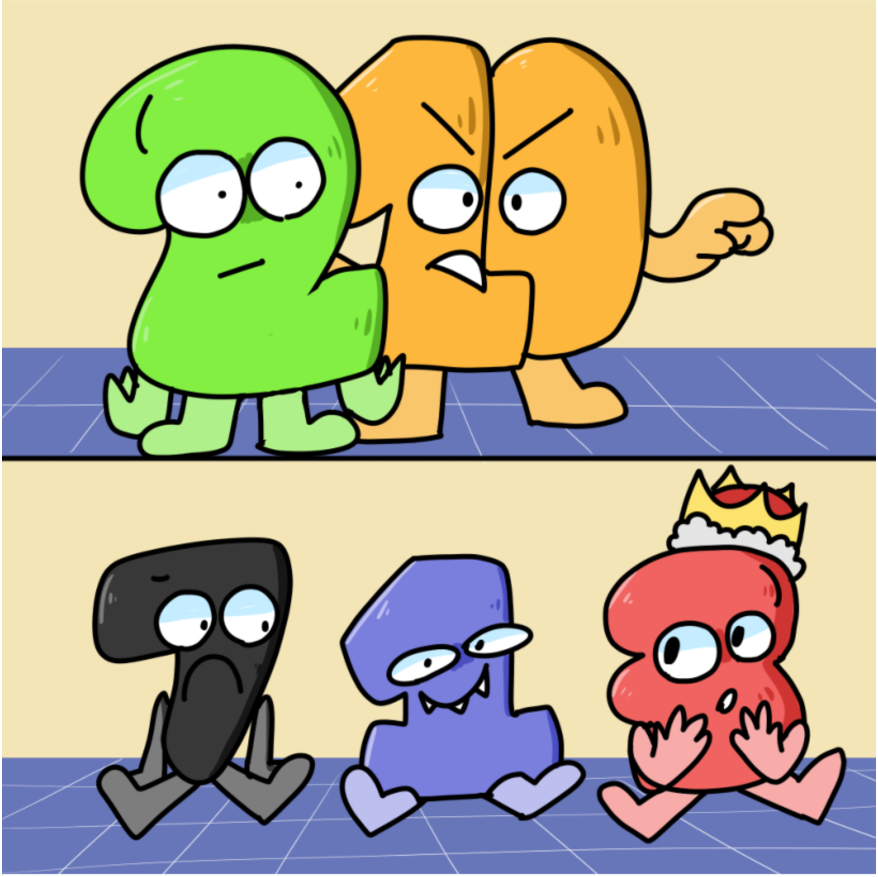
"They're a monster"

"Can you explain exactly what happened?" Two asked

"I woke up in the middle of a forest and then i found One, i thought 'oh, awesome, finally someone else i know' but then everything went horribly" Ten said "They killed me"

"Come on it's not that bad" One replied.

"They not only killed me, they practiced cannibalism!" everyone gasped.



"Don't be so dramatic" One was not worried at all.

"I'M NOT BEING DRAMATIC YOU- YOU... I DON'T HAVE ANY INSULTS RIGHT NOW BUT I'M STILL MAD"

"Honestly i would expect something like that from Seven, One, you disappoint me" Five said making Four roll his eyes.

Everyone was concerned, they didn't know what to do in that case, the mathematical council was not in this place so Who would judge this crime?

Three was interested in what happened. Seven, who was also on their side was shocked "Well it explains some things, but this... this is not ideal" they thought.

Three, One and Seven didn't move from where they were, Six was freaking out and Four was excluded from the conversation. All the other numbers gathered in a round and started to discuss what could they do at this situation.

Five proposed to exile them, but they rejected their option immediately, mostly because there was no place to exile them. X proposed to make One be on jail, his option was possible, the only one who disagreed was Ten who was still very upset about the situation, naturally. Ten proposed to de-spawn One, their option was not really bad, especially because they didn't have any prison just yet. After some little arguments about Five mispronouncing "prison" and Nine laughing at him, they finally finished their conversation and decided the punishment.

"One, you know the rules" Two said "We decided to, de-spawn you and imprison you tomorrow once i make a place for it"

"Sounds fair" One said.

"No, you won't" Seven said, getting in the middle.

"Huh?" Said both Two and One.

"Don't you forget Two?, I'm the most powerful number around and decided you will not de-spawn my friend"

"You... Seven, they literally killed someone and admitted it, why are you defending them?"

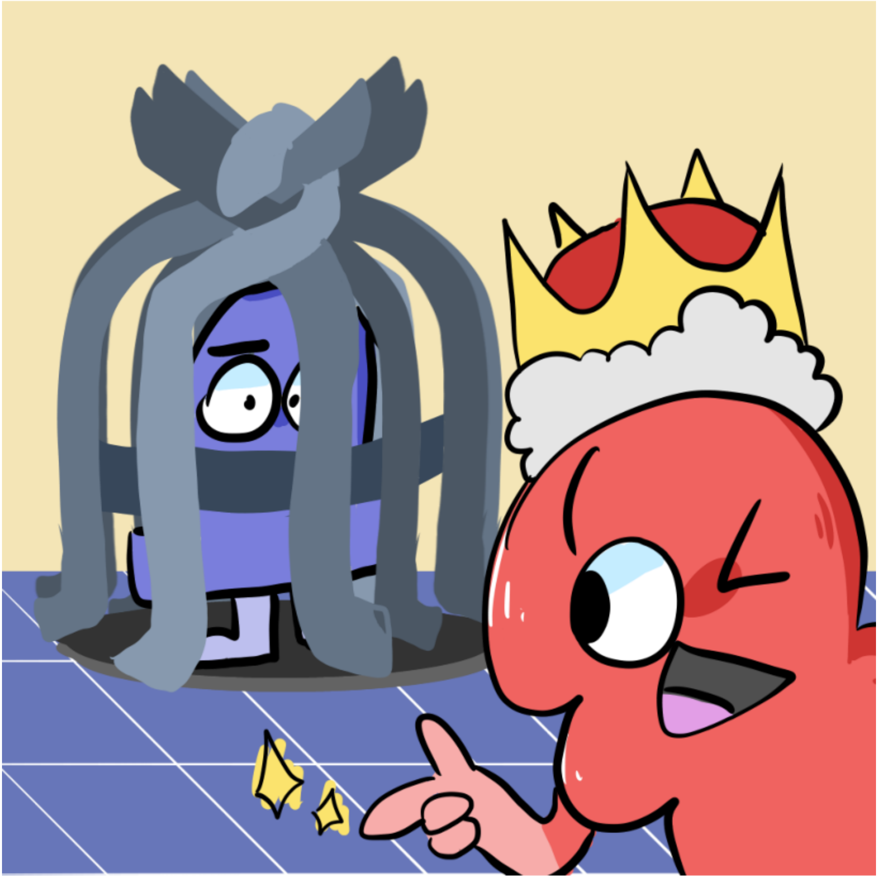
"It's ok, I'll be fine" One said.

"No, i not letting this happen"

"We can't just let them go around and kill more people you know?"

"I think i have an idea" Three said.

With some metal bars they stole from the structure of the roof (that will obviously have no future repercussions) and Two's powers they made a small cage, it was not comfortable but it was supposed to just prevent them from escaping.



"Are you sure this will work?" Two asked Three.

"Yeah, i used to do this all of the time... on roleplay of course! yes, on roleplay..."

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This chapter has a lot of dialogue, i'm sorry if this is somewhat annoying.

The soha berries are an invention i made for this fanfic, yoyle berries and another original berry are going to show up later on.

Speak it up

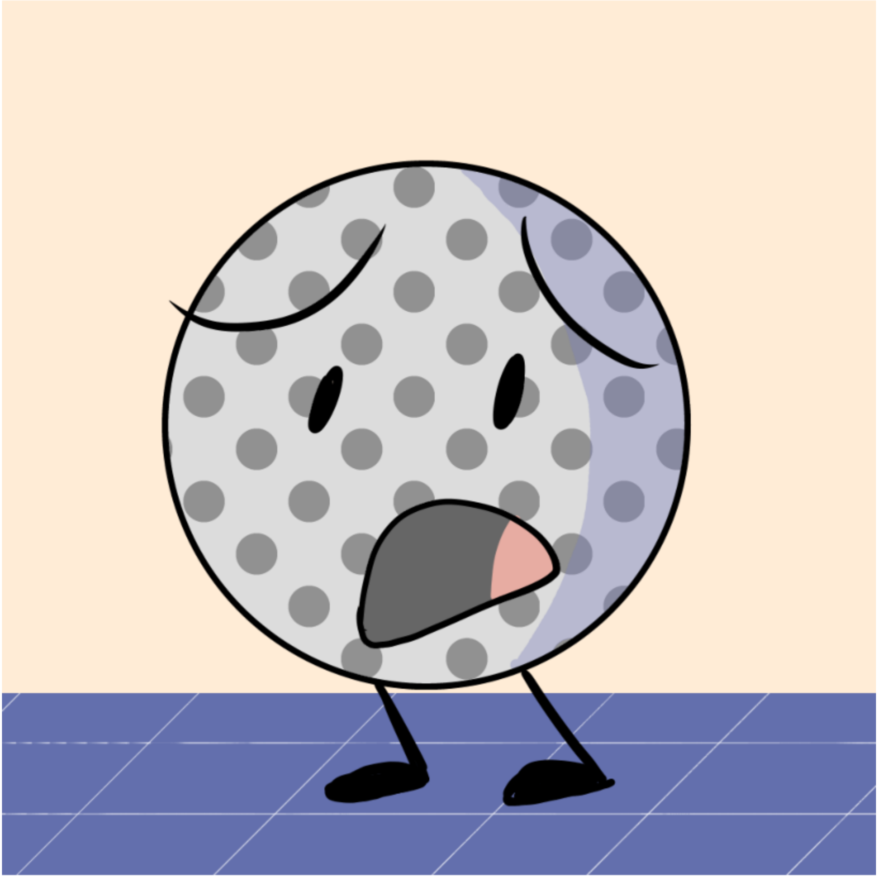
A big string of tears started to fall through his face, he tried to hide his emotions and looked away from her.

"I'm sorry" that was the only thing she could say while she felt her own heart being crushed after her beloved friend sadness. It was over, now they were on the same page, but Golf ball felt as if she was getting into something even worse on the short term, her heart started to beat faster than usual and her breath became difficult.

"It is ok gb..." he said, still not ready to look at her, "We are not really... we are not really what I remember right?"

Golf ball didn't know what to do, nor what to say; she just stayed there. Tennis ball waited, waited for several seconds and expected some kind of miracle, maybe this was a joke, or a dream; as the time passed his hopes died painfully and slowly.

"tb, it's ok, we can... we can still be friends..." She said, trembling, getting some steps closer to her all-time best friend.



Tb stepped back, making Golf ball gasp.

"I... i need some time..." Tennis ball then walked away and as he was further and further, Golf ball felt terrible for him. Golf ball never cries, but that night, she was just about to.

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At the roof of the building, a great event was happening. With lots of food and nice colorful party hats. The atmosphere was vibrant and happy, you could hear the people talking and laughing.

It was unnecessary, but after all of what happened that day and a long insistence in TB's part, Golf ball finally accepted to organize a celebration because "The worse part is already over", at the beginning nobody was really sure, it could be, after all, celebrating too soon. The idea was heard for some others unintentionally, and it was very popular, it wasn't even an hour and the roof was already properly decorated, and the mood changed completely.

The IMGs were used more than in an entire century. It wasn't everything that good because many just rushed over the "weird ovens" and created more than it was necessary. Golf ball let Pillow from all people organize the creation, she disappeared mid-work and they wouln't find her in a long time, needing to replace her with someone else.

"This is kind of disappointing..." Said Lego brick, sitting close to the border, where a short wall of concrete protected him from falling.

"What do you mean?" Ruby asked. She was still holding the enigmatic amulet in her hands.

Ruby got closer to him and leaned in the short wall, not losing the fireworks from her sight. It was her only task to light the fireworks, and she was taking it more seriously than anyone.

"Well... I wanted to see the moon..." Lego brick said as he stood up and pointed his sight up, "The sky feels really empty without it"

He was right, the earths satellite was not anywhere to be seen. There wasn't a moon in the sky, nor there was any constellation they could have pointed out, but at the moment nobody was really caring that much about the second fact.

"I think Donut took the moon to the other side of the earth's surface" Ruby replied, softing her voice, as if she didn't want him to hear it.

"Hmm..."

"Is it important to you?" Ruby asked while looking at the sea beyond the forest.

"Not really..." He sighed.

"You are not losing anything; Earth's moon is just the same as Evil Leafy's inside moon!" Her voice was now happier.

"If you say so"

Golf ball then came from the stairs, moving without looking at her way too much. It made her step over Tree's foot and also separate Pen and Eraser after passing through them, both of this events getting as a result personal insults to her.

"Oh, Golf ball, How is everything going?" Lego Brick asked without moving from his place.

"It wasn't the best outcome for TB" Golf ball said, almost whispering.

"Golf ball your heart is made of stone, are you ever gonna find true love?" Ruby placed her left hand on her forehead and closed her eyes, imitating some dramatic scene. Which one wasn't clear for anyone, because Ruby never watched a theater act in her life.

"I highly doubt it" Golf ball said curtly.

"You were with him in his timeline" She replied, ignoring any distaste in her voice.

"I'm not the Golf ball of his timeline!" She nearly shouted before leaving.

Soon, Golf ball was too far away to be spoken to. Lego brick and Ruby looked at each other in confusion.

"What's up with her?" Ruby asked Lego Brick.

"Who knows?" He answered with honesty.

"Oh look, it's nearly the time" Ruby said while pointing out at Clock, who was at a good distance from them.

Clock, not knowing what was Ruby saying, felt very offended because she pointed at him. What a rude thing to do.

"We still need to wait another thirty minutes"

"Yeah, I know, but it's less than last time I checked!" Ruby said while playing with the amulet in her hands, throwing it at a short altitude just to catch it back.

"Do you have anything to do before Ruby?"

"Anything to do?" This question made Ruby not catch the amulet, the tinkling sound of it falling caused some interested sighs towards them, Ruby quickly got it back.

"Did you made up with Pencil already?" Finally, asked.

"Oh no, I didn't" Ruby realized, "She's not around"

"Well, go look for her then"

"But what if a miss the fireworks?" She said with tears coming from her eyes.

"I will make sure nothing explodes until you are back"

Ruby then rushed to the stairs while calling pencil's name the entire way.

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"PENCIL! PENCIL!" Ruby screamed in the ground floor.

"Someone is calling you" Match said.

"Ruby..."

"Is she a member of the alliance?" Match asked in Pencil's ear (?), but in a way anyone could hear what she was asking anyway.

"She is" Pencil said and Match smiled at Ruby.

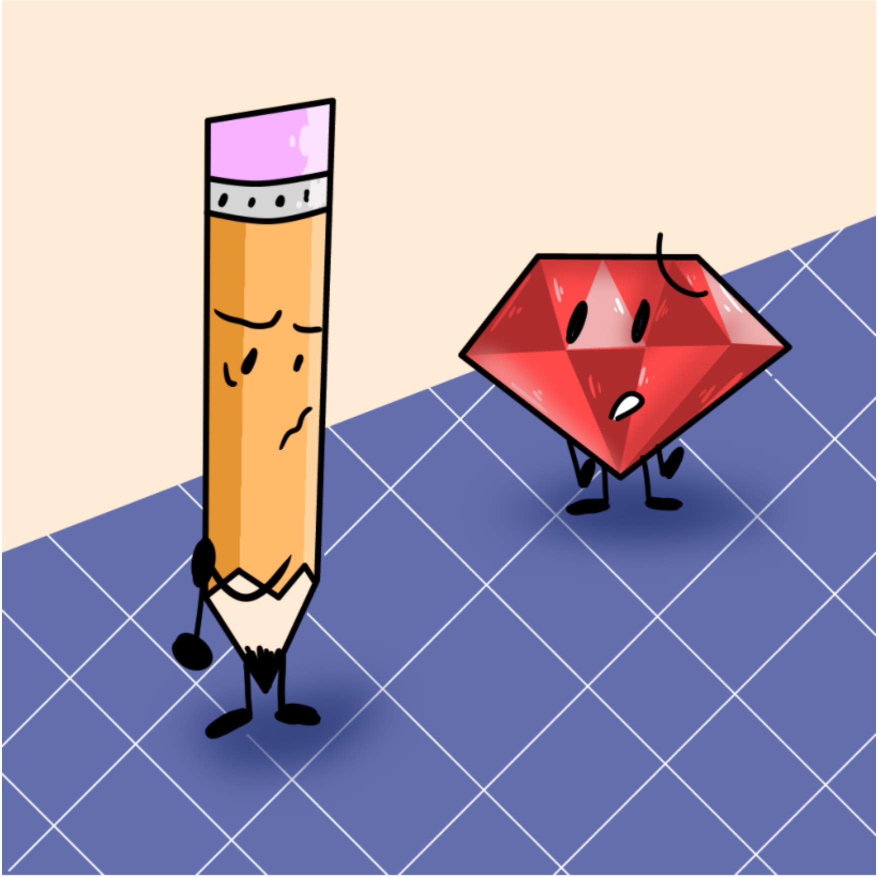
Match wasn't well versed in whatever happened in Pencil's life, her life wasn't really any interesting before getting into this mess. She never participated in any competition and just lived with as much normality she could, sometimes messing with Golf ball or Spongy, spending her evenings with her best friend Pencil and dealing with Firey's shenanigans from time to time.

"Pencil, here you are" Ruby exclaimed, but just a second later the scene became tense.

"Hi Ruby" Both of them looked at each other, neither knew exactly what to say next. Match noticed this and left in silence.

"Well... How do you feel now?" She looked away "I mean... Do you... em..."

"I'm ok" Ruby sighed "Don't need to worry"



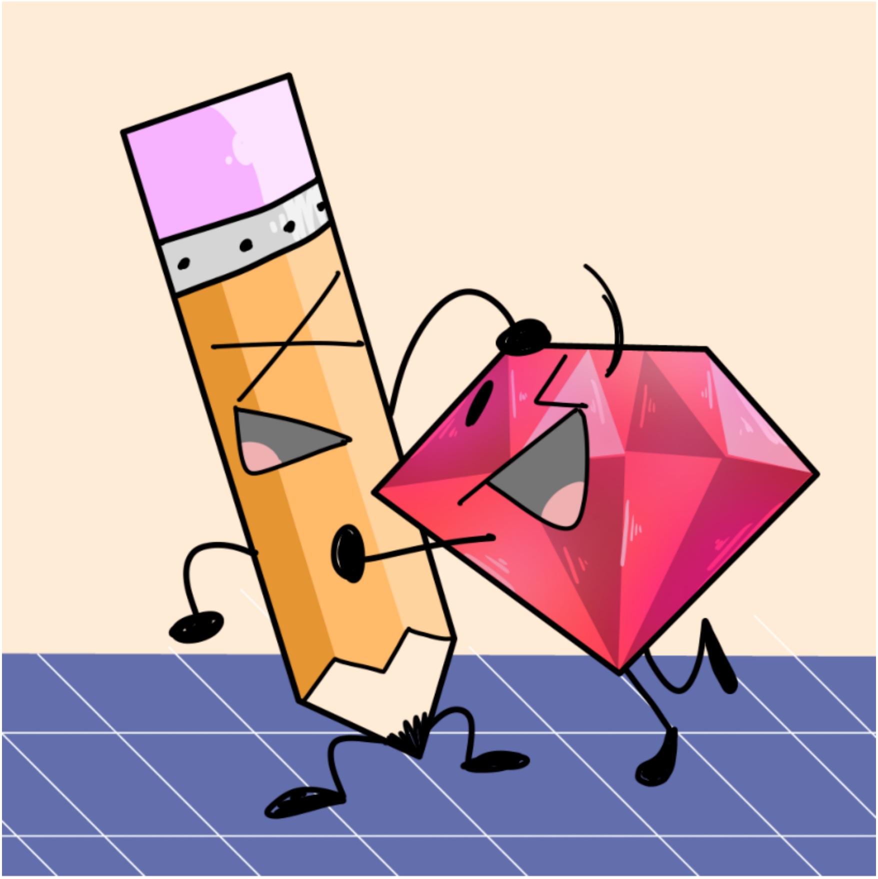
"Ruby I'm, I'm sorry... I was, I didn't know... I didn't know how much i" Pencil stopped and thought for a second if saying it or not "Please don't tell anyone I said this, I didn't know how much I loved the alliance, all of you, until it seemed I was completely alone"

"Wow Pencil, I never knew you had a sentimental side" Ruby teased her.

"I don't have one, we'll never talk about this again, ok?"

"Ok" She promised, but in her voice, it was clear she wasn't going to keep it "Well since we will never talk about this can I ask you for something"

"Oh no, don't you dare Ruby" "No, physical affection my biggest weakness"



"You can't stop it Pencil, just accept your fate" Ruby said as she shined in happiness while hugging her old friend.

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"Firey are you ok?" Liy looked at her friend, still staring at the entrace of the building.

Firey turned and nodded, just for his sight to return to the forest.

"Leafy is still out there" he said, "You can go to the roof and enjoy the party Liy"

"Are you sure you'll be fine here, alone...?"

"Pff don't you worry, i will go there too once she returns" Firey said without even looking back.

"Ok, if you say so" She answered.

"Have fun Liy!" Firey said as she walked to the stairs.

Then he waited. The forest was dark and barely anything was perceptible from behind a few of the bushes and trees, the night felt even darker than in his home "She may need help" he considered "I can't go there like this, i shouldn't have eaten that Soha berry!"

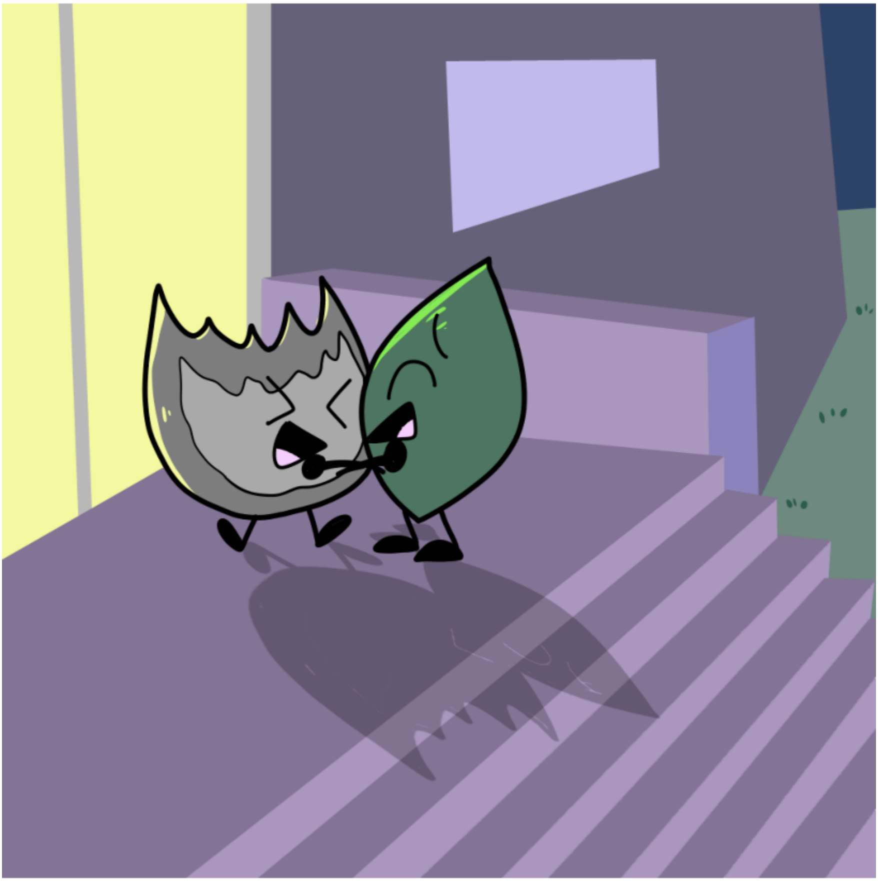
Something he noticed after a while, was the complete lack of life that night. There wasn't crickets singing, nor fireflies illuminating the glades, even the mosquitoes were completely gone, the only thing he could see was a few moths getting into the building, looking for the precious light. It was weird, "The ancient gods listened to our pleadings, but what a cost?" he thought.

The time passed, and the quiet of the night started to make Firey very uncomfortable. He then started to hum a song he liked a lot, it was like "turiti turuti turutaa turuti turiti turutaa", what a good game he thougth to himself, maybe he could play it again in this place, maybe Leafy would play it too!

Soon he was focused more in imagining how good it would be to play Fireboy and Watergirl with Leafy than in actually waiting for her. So when she came from the dark forest it took him almost for surprise.

Leafy went up the stairs and Firey in an actual gesture of average intelligence waited until she was closer to the entrance to actually go and welcome her.

"Leafy You are here!" Firey ran into her and gave the biggest hug he could.



"Firey..." Leafy looked at the now transmuted into stone Firey, it was nice to be able to hug him.

They heard a whistle over their heads and when they turned to the sound an explosion of light and colors painted the entire sky. The fireworks continued and neither of both commented on it, simply admiring the magical picture they had.

As one by one the rockets blasted into the night, the day finally came to an end. Everyone went to their rooms, from the moment Taco made their bed, until the last conversation Ruby and Bubble had, to the moment Grassy finally turned off the last light, a long journey ended.

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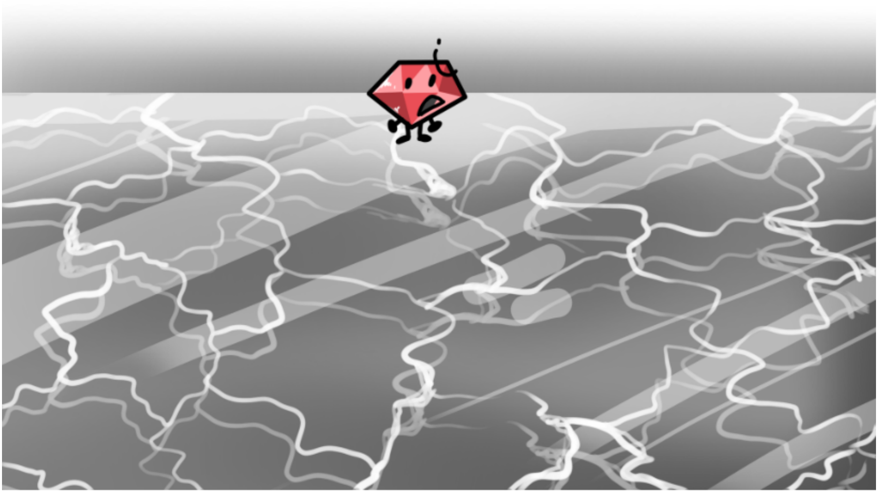
Oh well, i guess i ruined Tengolf... don't worry TB is going to get over it, maybe

This is not even close the end of the story, i just want to clarify that after how i ended the last paragraph. I will even say we are not even halfway through 💀

I was supposed to post a spoiler drawing now but i saved it in my old computer and now i can't access it, maybe i will remade it in next episode this is taking too long in being published omg.

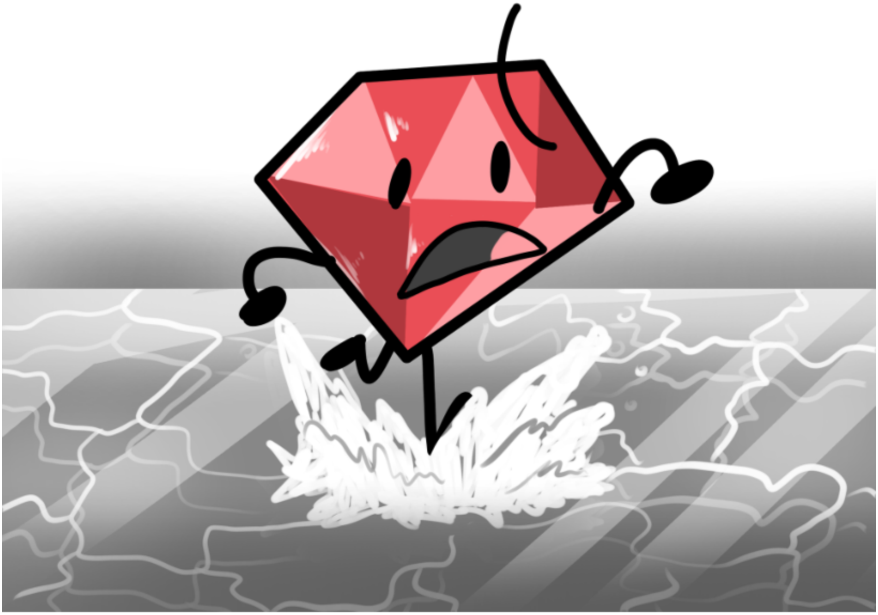
Thank you so much all of you for all of the support this book has received, you guys are the best <3

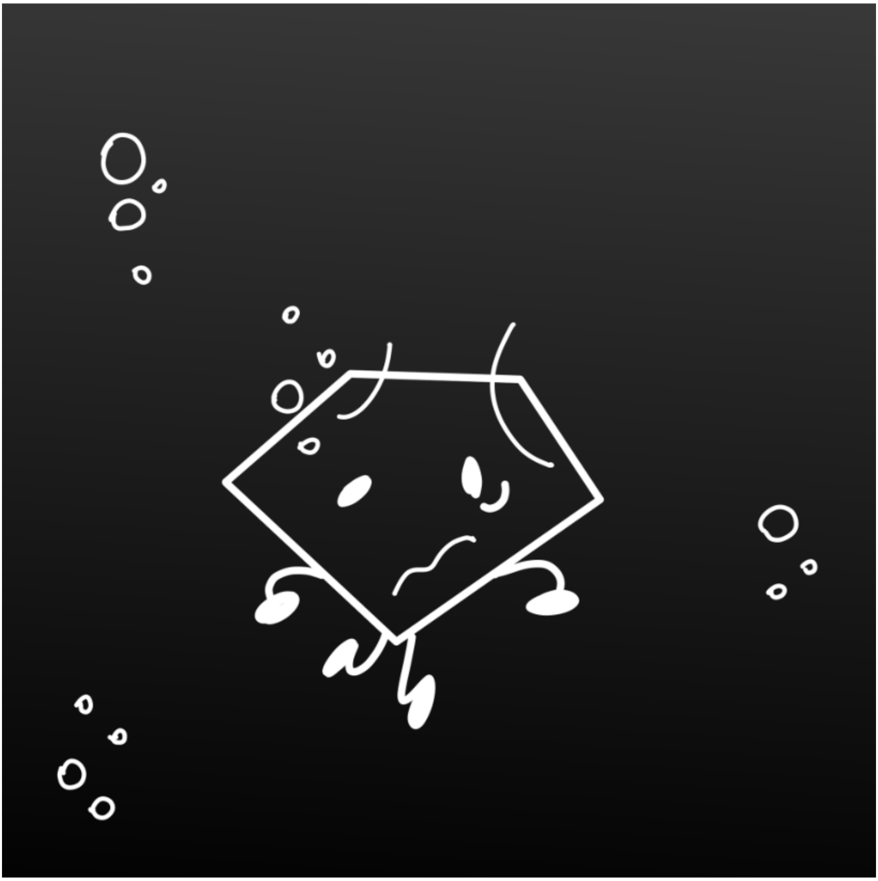
The alliance

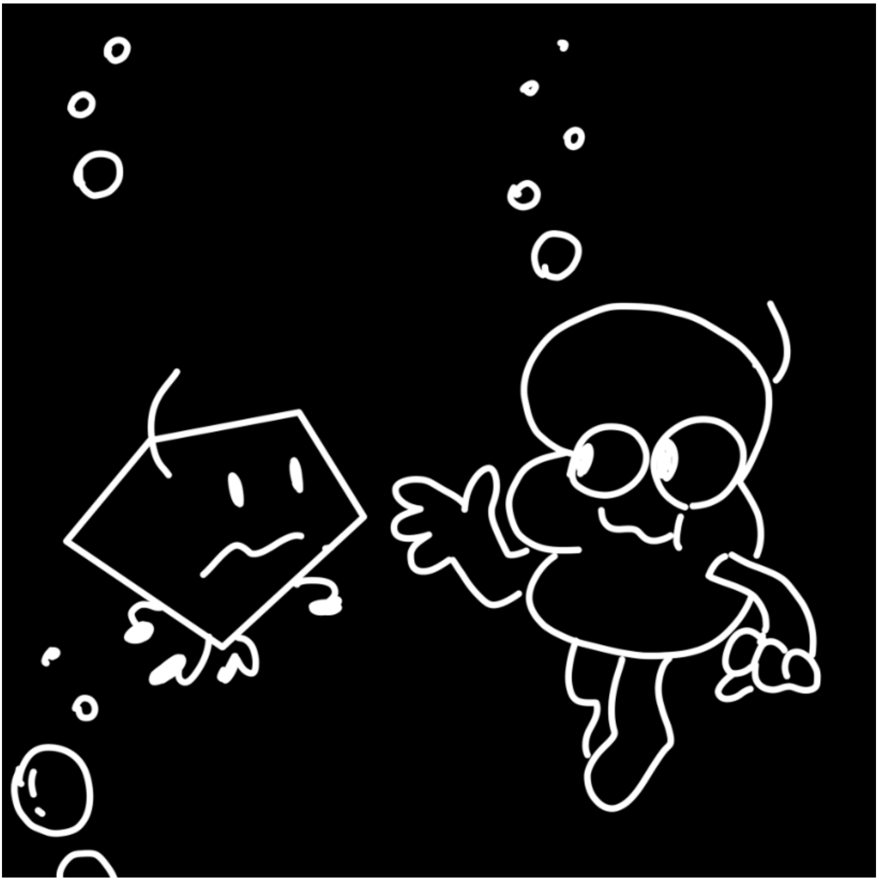


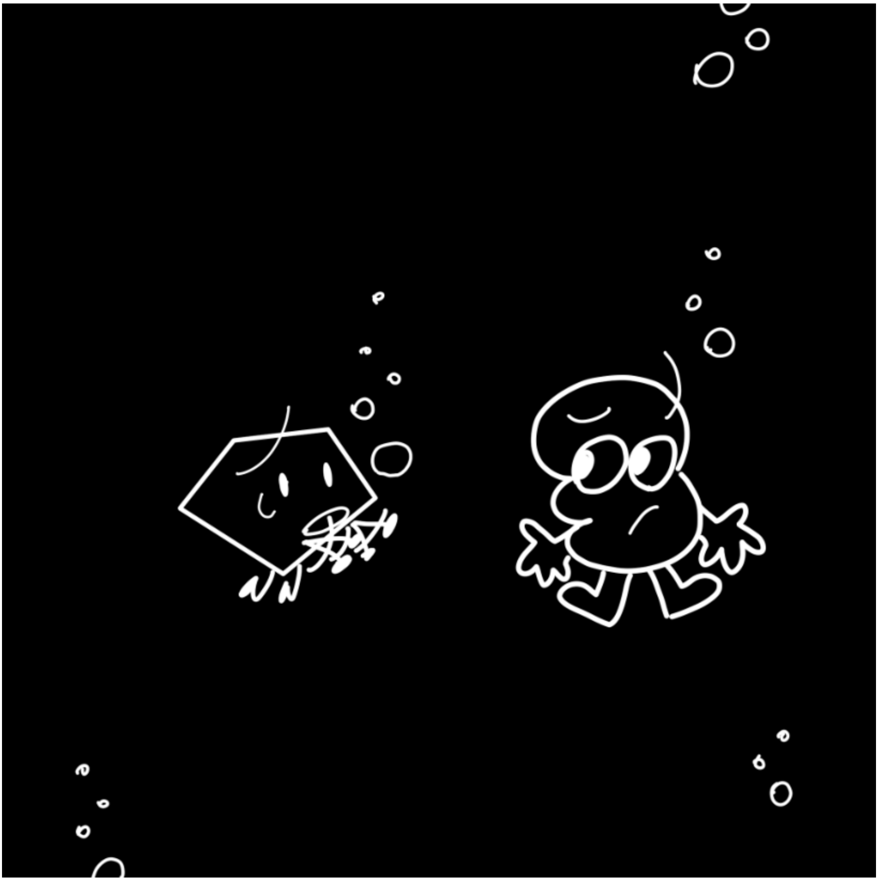
"Hello?...."

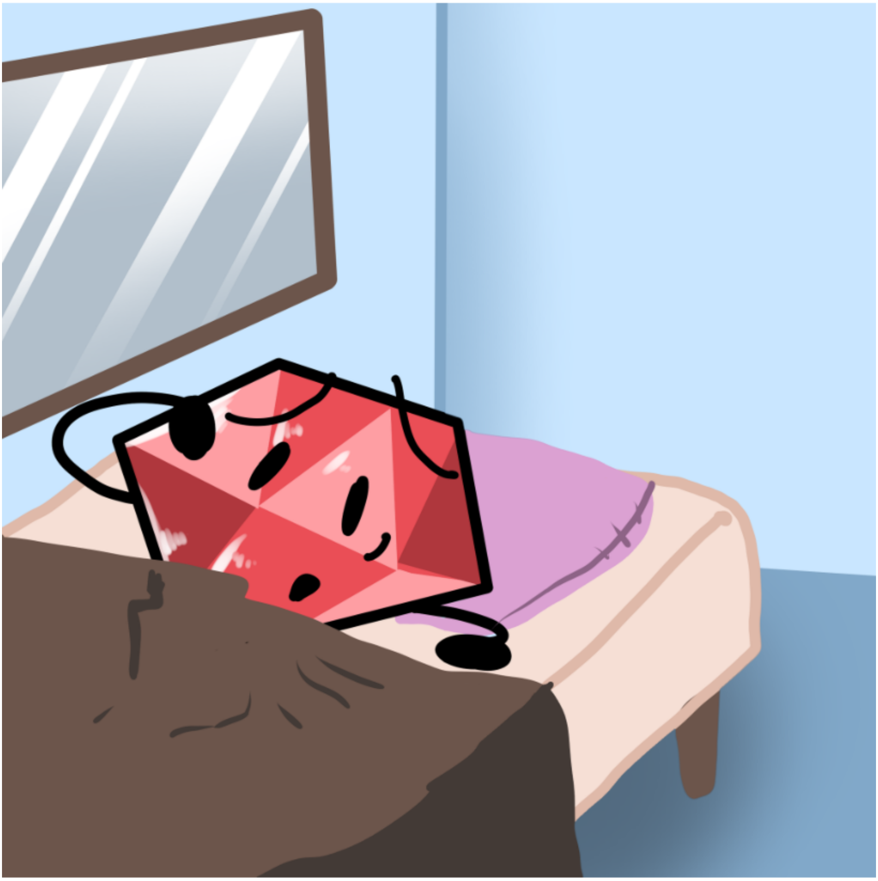
"There's anyone here?"











"Good morning, you guys! Remember to keep your keys safe once you leave your room, we do not have replacements!" Rose said from the other side of the door.

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It was very early in the morning, everyone was starting their first new day in this weird place. Rose went room by room waking up all her guests, which wasn't very well received for, well, anyone.

In her way to say rise and shine to everyone she was screamed at different insults, told to leave immediately and even some threw shoes at her, which was weird because objects usually don't wear shoes. She was in general very optimistic until she went to the last room, the reaction Blocky, Pen and Eraser had been everything one would expect, and after returning to the service room she sighed "Being a hotel owner is so hard"

Nothing was really organized and while some people were going down to get something for breakfast, others were complaining about the total lack of warm water. Rose quickly called Snowball and sooner than later noticed that it was too many things to attend, even for her magnificence.

"Oh my Pin factory this is a mess" said *we all know who* after looking at the long queue to the basement "If things stay like this we are gonna stay in this line until lunch" Coiny who was on her side, looked with frustration.

Rose struggled through the sea of people and soon was in the entrance with the key, again, most of what she heard was complaints and pejorative adjectives.

"Don't worry, you just need to wait" She said in a moderate tone, "Please be nice"

As Rose started to open the door, a little group approximated the line, Pencil rolled her eyes.

"Aw, this will take forever" Ruby sobbed.

"Oh no, there's no way we are going to wait here"

"But Pencil, don't you remember we always need our three part breakfast of scrambled eggs, pancakes and coffee to start the day"

"I know about our three part breakfast of scrambled eggs, pancakes and coffee Book" Pencil replied, "But are you really gonna wait here? WITH SPONGY?"

The entire alliance gasped, Spongy was at the end of the line, so they decided to leave the place and wait until it wasn't so crowded and most importantly, until Spongy was already away. The outside felt different from yesterday, the chirps of the birds, the precious sunshine seeping through the leaves and reflecting on the morning dew, it wasn't like the constant stress inducer it was last day.

"Where are we going, Pencil?" Bubble asked, a little worried.

"Good thing happens to those who wait Bubble" She said. Bubble and Match crossed their gazes in confusion.

Pencil walked with confidence, she remembered that path, she remembered the perfect place on the entire island. And after crossing through two old Cycas they finally were there.

It was a long beach, the sand was white, and the waters close to it had this precious light blue color.

"This was the place where i woke up" Pencil said, "I officially declare this bay as property for the alliance"

"It will be the Freesmart bay" Match continued "That was the name right?"

"Yes, yes it was"

"Canon ball!" Ruby rushed to the sea and threw herself into.

"Ruby, do you know how to swim?!" Bubble asked once she was already under the water, several seconds passed and Ruby didn't answer, "RUBY?" (Ruby was fine)

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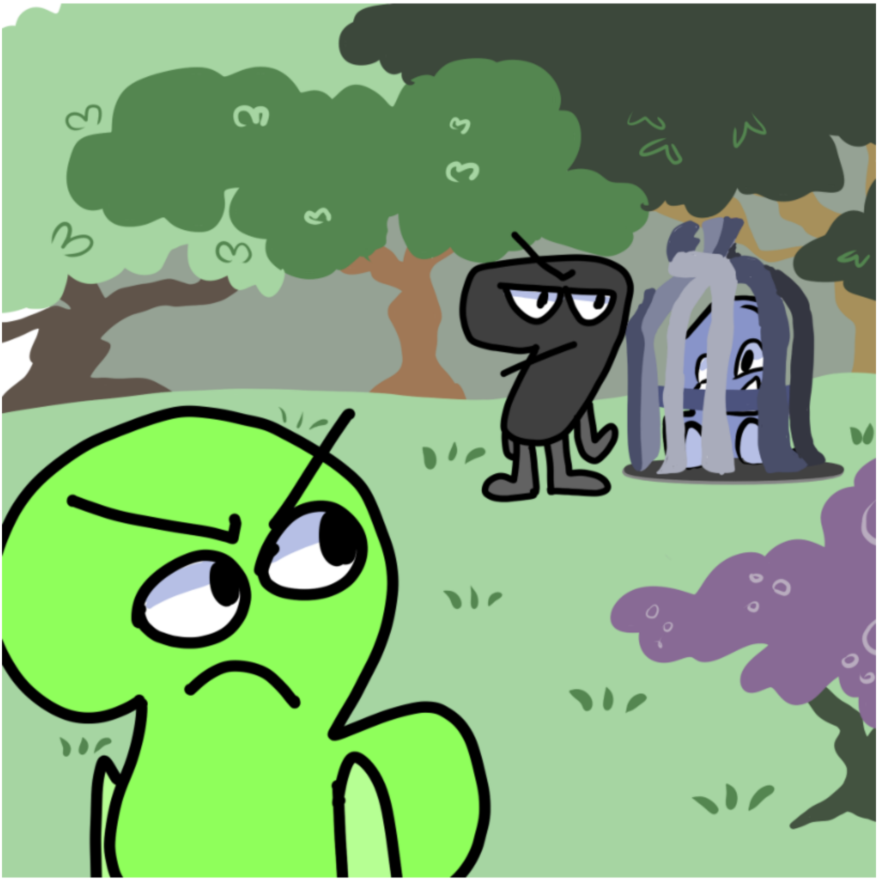
"This glade is perfect" Two said "The size, the elevation, the grass is so pretty and-"



"You are into weird stuff Two, Can you please end this so i don't have to hear you?" One was still inside the small cage and Seven was on their side.

After they woke up, Ten immediately told them to go and create an actual jail for his murderer. Since then, they were looking for the perfect place to "build" it. Seven was there mostly to make sure Two wasn't going to kill One, they were just as annoyed as One with Two's weird perfectionism on glades.

"You seem to be in a very good mood for someone who is going to spend the rest of their life in prison" Two said passive aggressively.

"Good mood? I would think that complaining is the opposite of that" One said, "Maybe if this wasn't the sixth time you were analyzing the grass, i would actually be in a good mood"

"Are you trying to make me even happier to get rid of you? Because you are pretty much accomplishing it" Two said, after saying those words Seven grunted.

Then Two started to make the entire building from the earth, when Two turned and expected praise, neither Seven nor One were impressed. It was just a concrete block with no windows and one entrance. When Two noticed they weren't getting any praise, they just turned back and started walking, trying to forget what they just did.

Entering the place, it had four cells around a very wide hallway. The lights were in the ceiling and even a minute after it's creation the bulbs were already flickering from time to time.

"Hey Two, i'm only *one* you know, i knew you were bad at math but not this bad" One said smirking from his cage.

"Shut up already"

The cage was left inside one of the cells, and using their powers, Seven and Two disassembled the bars and transported them to the outside, so One could not use them to escape.

Two and Seven then left the just created prison, Seven was at all time looking down.

"You've been very quiet this morning, huh?"

"Is almost like in-jailing my best friend is not something I feel like talking about" Seven replied.

"Forget One, they're not even the one you remember" Two said "No pun intended"

"That's easy for you to say" Seven wanted to continue and talk about X and Four, but they decided to not get into another fight with Two that day.

Once they got to Rose's hotel again they watched X in the entrance, Nine and Six were with him too, eating what looked like ham sandwiches, they were all sitting in the stairs.

"Hey! Did you guys already solved that one problem?" Nine asked.

"Stop it" Six replied.

"Is it safe to just leave One without any kind of guards or anything?" Four asked, which made every other number look at him.

"Don't you trust my build abilities, Four?"

"Well, uh..."

"I think is a good perspective, maybe we should do something about it" X replied.

"Yeah, you are right, we should do something" Two said.

"What...?" Four was confused.

Seven just rolled his eyes at this scene, and Six and Nine looked at each other.

"You know, i think i will do it for now" Two said "Someone needs to keep everyone safe, you know? I will even put anti-One traps around"

The discomfort grew between the rest of the numbers.

"I think we are leaving" Six said.

"Seven, want to come out?" Nine asked, Six gave him a whitening glance.

"Why?"

Nine said nothing and Seven was incapable of seeing his eyes, but it didn't take long for them to get the answer to their question. Seven accepted, and they all left, making Four even more confused.

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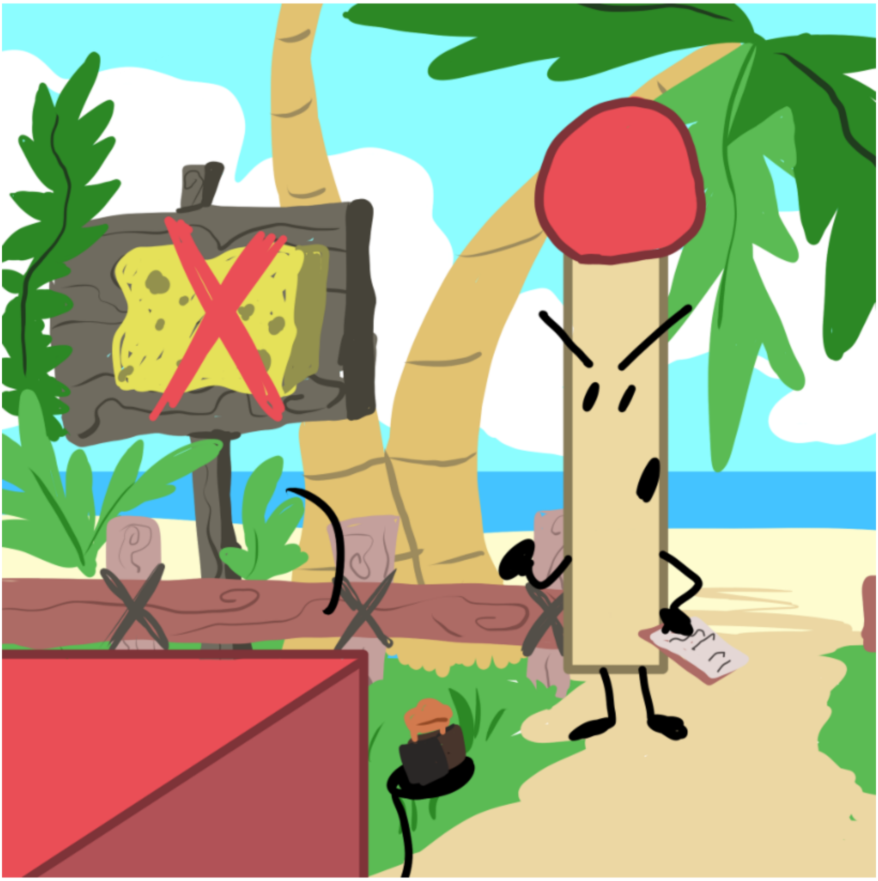
Around an improvised fence, a long line of people was forming, each one with a different item in their hands. At the door Match was keeping the entrance of the Freesmart bay, every person coming needed to offer something in exchange for enjoying the rest of the day in the beach, she had a little list in her hands with the things they needed the most for making the bay a perfect place for the alliance.

"What's this?" Match asked.

"Well, i think it is some kind of , em..." Blocky was holding a strange object, it was like a little bronze trophy, not bigger than his hand, with the form of a French couch he generated randomly in the basement.

"We don't want that"



Blocky threw the object away, and the next person in the line passed after him.

"Hi Match, Can i please pass?"

"Firey, Did you even have anything to offer?"

"Well i was thinking, since i'm so awesome, and we are so good friends, i could pass without offering"

Match rose an eyebrow and said nothing.

"Match come on, for the good old times"

"What good old times?"

"Don't you remember the time i shared my chocolate bar with you?"

"No..."

"How can you forget that? What about yesterday?"

"Go get something, or you are not passing" She finally said, and started to completely ignore Firey.

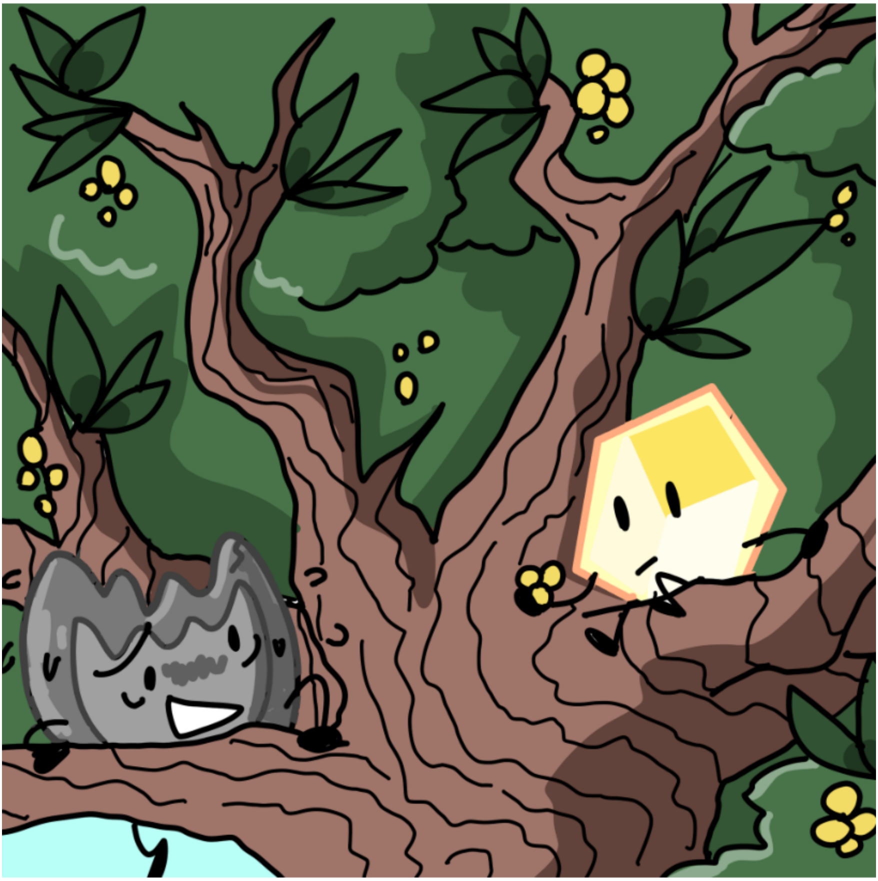
Firey on the other hand didn't stop trying for a good three minutes more, before the pressure from the rest of people waiting was too much for him to hold, they started to throw different things to him and yelling him to move away.

Firey went back, thinking "It's not fair", he wanted to go there too. He sat at the shade of a tree and started to insult Match in his mind, until a few seeds fell from the sky, and it distracted him.

Looking up, he could see that someone was in the branches, apparently eating the fruit and throwing the seeds. Firey flooded by curiosity started to climb the tree, he was not wonderful at it, and every once in a while he rested his weight on the wrong branch, falling to the ground once again. The fact that he was still made of stone wasn't helping at all, his noodle arms had four times more weight to hold than in his normal form.

"I miss being a fire" he said to himself, "I can't climb this tree!"

After a while, Firey finally went close to the mysterious person. He was very shiny and unlike him seemed very light.



"Hi" Firey said gasping "My name is Firey"

"Hi... I'm Loser..."

"What are you doing?" Firey asked.

"I'm eating loquats"

"Loquats?"

"This small yellow fruits" He explained while showing some of the fruits he had in his hands "There used to be a lot of them in the land i grew up"

Firey picked one of them from the tree, it was good. Loser noticed the smile Firey made after nibbling it and smiled back.

"Why are you here?"

"I only had one friend, but they are now speaking a weird language i can't understand, i wasn't really lucky in the timeline thing" Loser laugh softly "People are also very weird, they follow me and are constantly cheering my name..."

"OMG, I think i know why" Firey squeezed his cheeks with his hands.

"Why?"

"Those are your fans from the future!"

"Fans from the future?"

"Yes, Leafy surely knows about it. She told me i will win dream island!" Firey said with arrogance.

"Oh, she's a medium?"

"I don't know, i'm not good at qualifying people"

Loser and Firey went down the tree, looking for Leafy. Walking to one of the sides of the hotel, they found her, she was sitting on the grass over a tablecloth with Pin and Coiny. In the middle of it there was a nice bowl of delicacies.

Firey ran to them, leaving Loser behind, and before he was there, Leafy noticed and waved her hand. Firey passed her and slapped Coiny instead. Leafy rolled her eyes.

"Firey What are you doing?" Pin asked while pushing him away.

Firey was confused for this inexplicable reaction, looked at Pin who was giving him a very upset glare, looked at Coiny who was still in the floor without moving at all and looked at Leafy who was just staring with a frown.

"What? Now slapping Coiny is not allowed?" Firey said with the most offended tone he could possibly make.

"Well, i guess so..." Said Leafy, she looked at Pin searching for aproval. Pin nodded and returned to her place.

A little away Loser was still there, saying nothing and watching the weird situation, he felt like he just witnessed a very awkward moment. At this point Loser was not sure exactly what was the ideal action to follow, he could leave, but that may be rude to the stone fire thing, he could say something, but that may be not desired by those people, he could just stay there until one of the other options was more optimal, but before taking any of the decisions Pin noticed his presence.

"Loser, Hello, we are having a picnic, Do you want to join?"

Loser said nothing and sat on Leafy's side, Firey was just a meter away from his friends picnic but instead of joining he just stared while crossing his arms, expecting an apology, and diverting his sight every time anyone looked in his direction. This attitude was soon completely ignored by everyone, and their conversations went normally.

Pin mentioned the long line from before, and how she wanted to get her own kitchen and cook all the meals herself, not only because of the wait but because she didn't trust those strange machines to do everything. Leafy talked about how Ice cube was now closed in her own room, the door was locked and judging for the lights coming from the lower part of the door it was also blocked with some type of furniture. Coiny didn't have anything to say at the moment.

"Loser well, How have your day been?"

"I was on a tree, then Firey climbed and brought me here..."

"Wow, that's weird"Leafy interrupted him.

"What do you mean?" Pin asked.

"Was the Firey of your timeline prone to meet people by getting into different types of plants?"

"I mean, you were there..."

"Pin!" Leafy exclaimed and Pin just giggled.

"Loser continue please" Coiny said to go back to the original topic of the conversation.

"Nothing much happened, he leaded me here"

They all turned to Firey at that moment, but he was still angry and didn't want to talk, well actually he did want to talk, but he wasn't going to.

"Have you heard of what Pencil is doing?" Leafy asked to Pin, who was munching a delicacy from the bowl.

"No, What's Pencil doing?"

"She found a beach and has taken possession of it, she asks for offerings to her alliance to enter" Leafy said "We should go there, it's a nice day" Leafy proposed.

Pin swallowed the thing she was eating before replying.

"Leafy, Are you crazy?, She's never gonna let us in" Pin was mildly upset, "She doesn't even think i'm a sentient being"

"I think she just doesn't care about it"

"It's the same!" Pin quickly replied, "The only person here i can imagine she let into is Loser, he's very popular"

Loser was still not used to this "popular status", but he wasn't going to start that conversation.

"THAT'S IT" Firey yelled from his place, finally approaching to the rest "LOSER YOU ARE MY TICKET INTO FREESMART BAY"

"Huh?"

"Firey, that's very mean, you should never use your friends like that"

"Is it wrong for someone to spend the day playing with their friend in the beach Pin?" "Is it wrong, Loser?"

"i guess not..."

"Yeah, now lets got to the bay, Match is going to finally let me in" Pin and Leafy glared at Firey "... And i will have fun with my friend Loser too, of course"

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The climate was warm, the sky was blue and everything felt right. X was lying in a towel under the umbrella at the Freesmart bay, he was using sunglasses and had a little glass with pink lemonade in his left hand. At his side, Four was making sand castles, from time to time asking X to look at his creations.

Building that fence was more than worth the time in the beach, he always wanted some vacation time before.

"Four stop going out the shade, you'll get burned"

Four just grumbled and proceeded to completely ignore him, X sighed "I guess it was really annoying back then too" he thought as he reminded that time in BFB 20.

Around in the sand Pen, Eraser, David and Tree were playing volleyball, the original idea was to play it in front of Golf ball, but they forgot two main problems, Freesmart was never going to let Golf ball in and Golf ball didn't hold any interest in doing such a slack off activities like having fun. The issues didn't even end there, while Eraser was excellent at it (and in general at any sport) the rest barely knew anything about the game, usually breaking simple rules and making Eraser very on his nerves.

In the middle of the game, David threw the ball too hard to the net, and it caused the ball to go away and directly to X's drink. This specific and casual event was the begging of a long series of problems.

X stood up and picked the ball, after looking with sadness at his pink lemonade spread all over the floor. Eraser yelled at him and asked "nicely" for him to return the ball, X was mad but after hearing a low "Please" all his anger disappeared and just returned it to them without any problems, with a simple snap of their fingers the ball was back in Erasers hands.

"Four, please stay here. I'm going to get another juice" X said after already being at a good distance, Four listened to him but didn't turn nor said anything in response.

Four was too busy to do any talking right now, inside the castle two twigs were nailed to the ground, those were the kings; around the castle there was a big wall, protecting anyone from the barbarians of the outside, fourteen longer twigs were nailed at the wall, those were the archers in their positions, in a side of the insides the wall provided there was a small hole made with his finger and another twig just in front of it, it was the chef. Four was planing exactly where he should add the maids, and the magicians, and everyone in the kingdom, it was very hard "Maybe i need a bigger wall, Do the kings have enough to pay more archers?"

"Hey Four, it's your turn" A voice sounded close.

Four turned immediately, and his heart skipped a beat after seeing Two just behind him, but he said nothing.

"It's your turn to go and watch One" Two said "Three just finished their shift"

"I don't know if i should, X told me to not move from here" Four replied.

"Don't worry Four, i will send X to join you as soon as he returns" Two explained.

Four smiled and nodded before rushing to the entrance (now exit) of the Freesmart bay.

When X returned with a new drink and also new sunglasses over their other sunglasses, he was a little annoyed, Four was nowhere to be seen. Two just waited below the umbrella until X was closer and could actually see them despite the shades.

The conversation flowed very well, Two started to propose different training methods for Four and X listened with interest, they decided to start as soon as that night at the roof.

"We should probably start with something basic like levitation" X commented before taking a sip from his drink, Two said nothing, but they agreed "Oh no"

"What's up?" Two asked.

"Look, the waves" X pointed out "They are destroying the sand castle"

"Don't worry X" Two replied, "It's just sand"

The path wasn't really hard to find, they already went there before building the castle, before discovering that the Freesmart bay existed. Behind a bracken curtain he finally got to the glade where Two showed him the place where now One was.

Four went to the entrance and walked slowly, that place was very creepy even if it was recently created, maybe that was because a serial killer was trapped inside, but he wasn't sure.

"HELP!" a high-pitched voice inundated the room, "HELP ME!"

It was indistinguishable, that was X's voice! Four ran to the cell, and he was there, X was crying at the floor, holding the bars with his hands.

"X, What happened?" Four asked.

"ONE ESCAPED AND CAUGHT ME HERE" X cried and Four started to look all over the place, until he found a key ring, as fast as he could, he took it and started to open the cell.

"Don't worry X, I'm going to save you" Four said and once he opened the door X went to him and gave Four a big hug.

They walked holding hands to the exit (and also entrance) of the place.

"I'm sure the others will understand" Four said.

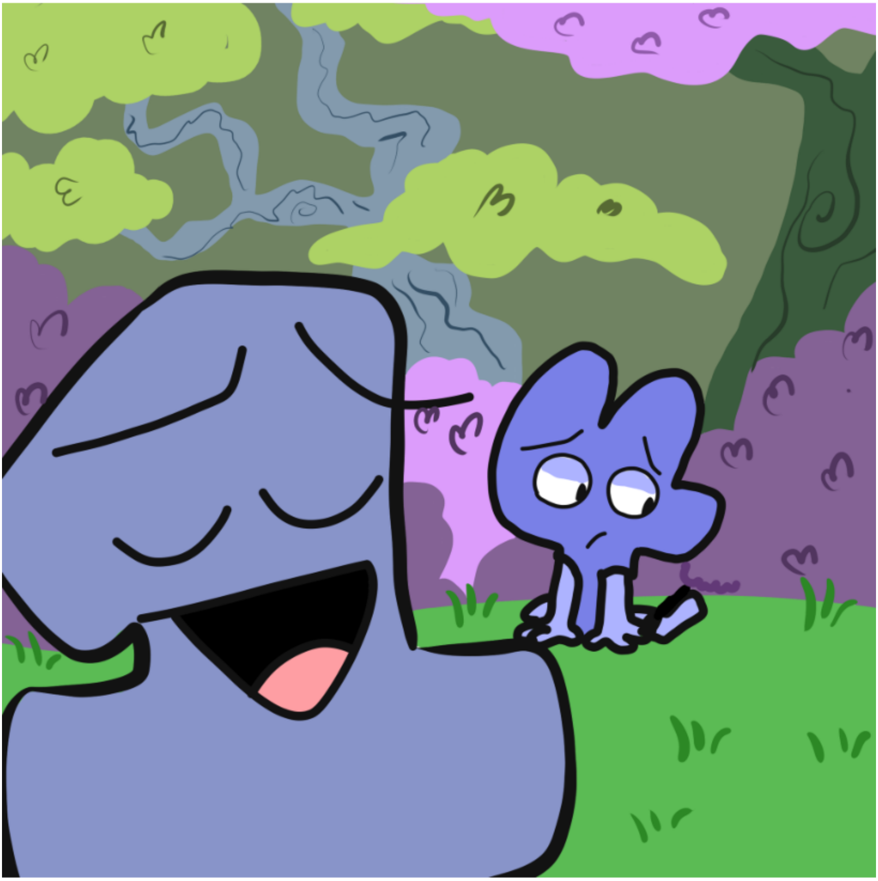
"You should hope they do?" X smirked.

"Huh"

X pushed Four to a side, and he couldn't stand up for a few seconds out of obfuscation.

"I was One the entire time" One said, finally returning to their normal form "Obviously, you idiot"

Four tried to tackle One but when he tried, he tripped, and after looking at his foot he noticed he was trapped. A rope was tied around his left leg.



"This was so easy, they were right, you two would do anything without thinking, just for a variable with an annoyingly high-pitched voice" One said, shapeshifting again into X's form to say the last portion of the sentence before disappearing into the forest.

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Sorry if the pictures look a little wanky, i just switched my ilustration program from Firealpaca to Krita, and i'm still getting used to it "-_-

This chapter was longer than average, i hope it wasn't hard to follow.

The lesson you should get from this chapter is: Don't be mean with armless people or you could cause a serial killer to escape from prison.

In the part where One says "Obviously you idiot" i originally wanted them to swear, but it would have been out of tone with

the rest of the book so far…

Ruby is fine.

Plans are supposed to work...

" Bubble, take this! " Ruby said as she threw a beach ball at her friend.

"Oyoi!" Bubble held it, but she nearly fell after stumbling with a sand castle while walking backwards. Ruby giggled and Bubble exclaimed that it was, in fact, not funny.

The Freesmart bay was already full of people, all of them enjoying the perfect climate that the day was offering. The water was pure and clear, devoid of anything that could stain it.

In the distance, Ruby and Bubble spotted someone floating placidly on a flamingo floatie, they were delighted and decided to get one themselves.

"One shouild stay and keep an eye over our possessions" Bubble said.

"Oh come on, None will touch our stuff" Ruby replied.

"It's always better to be sure" Bubble said and slowly extended her arm with a clenched fist, challenging her to a game of rock-paper-scissors.

Ruby went closer to her and the game began.

First round

Bubble started saying "rock" Ruby followed saying "paper" and both said "scissors" at the same time.

Bubble won, she chose "paper" and Ruby "rock". Ruby gasped and Bubble smirked.

Second round

Ruby started saying "rock" this time, with the consequent result of Bubble saying "paper" this time, both said "scissors" as usual.

She couldn't believe it, Ruby thought that Bubble would use something else this time as a strategy to prevent predictability, but she used "paper" once again, winning. Bubble smiled, but Ruby looked at her with intensity, as if saying that it was not over just yet.

The mood changed completely and neither of both were ready to give up.

Third round

This time, the two friends said all the three "rock-paper-scissors" at the same time. At no time did either of them move their gaze, they stared at each other in the face of the decisive duel before them.

And after the phrase was said...

They noticed...

That Ruby lost...

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Bubble was proud of herself, but immediately took pity on the vanquished. Ruby was kneeling over the shallow water of the coast, and as the reality started to materialize, she shouted.

"NOOOOO!!!!" but nobody could change it anymore...

"Rouby i'm not going to take long" Bubble promised.

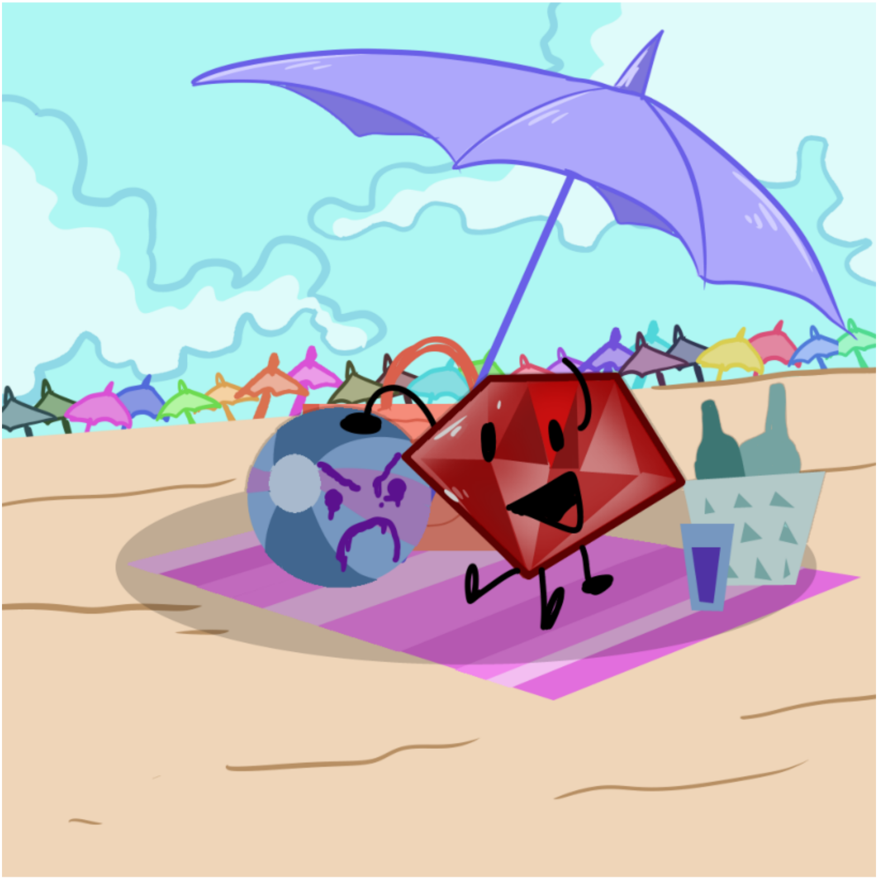
"Is it really necessary to 'protect' our stuff?" Ruby asked, still kneeling.

"I think so" Bubble said and after it, she gazed at her back for a second, Blocky slowly hid again in the ferns.

Bubble left and Ruby just sat in a towel with arms crossed. She got bored 5 seconds after being left alone and started to imitate what she thought Golf ball would be saying about that day.

"TB stop having fun! we need to make some useless gadget right now! Freesmart stop making fun of me!" she coughed after it, Golf ball's voice was too raspy for her throat. Her hand accidentally touched the beach ball, and after it moved, Ruby got another idea.

With some Yoyle berry juice she made a little angry face in it, now she had her own Golf ball.



"Ruby what have you done?! Now I have colorful stripes, I hate colors!" Ruby said while wobbling "Golf ball" with her hand. Ruby threw the ball to the sea while mimicking Golf ball's voice "NOooOoOoOOOoo"

Ruby looked around, seeing if Bubble was already coming with the giant flamingo floatie, but nothing. While being distracted, the beach ball was thrown from the sea to her, the water seemed to be empty.

The gem was confused and after a few seconds she decided to throw it again and see. It didn't have the best of the results, nothing happened, she turned her gaze for a moment and, once again, the ball returned to her. Ruby repeated it several times, and the result was always the same.

Ruby then came closer to the anomaly, walked over the coast and scrutinized the area, but nothing was there. She was losing her patience and returned to the shade, she sighed, closing her eyes, and just during that moment the beach ball was thrown directly to her face.

"YOU-!" She was about to throw the beach ball with rage but then saw something, it was coming from the water. A pale red hand doing a very strange symbol, or something with the palm forward and the thumb extended, while the fingers are parted between the middle and ring finger.

Ruby was confused.

"ROUBY LOOK IT IS A UNICORN FLAMINGO FLOATIE!" Bubble was really excited, "Book just got this, isn't it so cute?"

"huh...?" Ruby turned to her friend, still not processing.

"ROUBY THE FLOATIE!"Bubble repeated and Ruby then remembered, she looked again at the sea but it was empty again "What happened?"

"There was a hand in the sea i saw it!" Ruby said, hoping and pointing to the spot she remembered it being.

"People swim Rouby"

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Firey and Loser were building sand castles, the structure was very complex with multiple bridges, columns with corinthian style and interiors decorated with designs comparable only to the cathedral of Notre Dame. After hours of hard work, it was finally completed.

"Crabs will love it!" Firey said, looking at the edification, he ran a hand over his forehead and looked at it, still amazed that the sweat did not kill him instantly.

"Alright" Loser said "Now What?"

"We stand here, and we look at it proudly" Firey said and that's exactly what they did.

Without they ever foreseeing it or having any opportunity of preventing it, a projectile came out of nowhere, knocking down half of the castle. As the sand slipped down and their souls were crushed into despair, a voice was heard.

"Sorry!" Eraser shouted from his place, "Return the ball!"

Firey went into a fury never before felt by any being in the universe. He took the ball and tried to destroy it, failing because of his weak noodle arms. Tried again by biting it, but all his efforts were futile. Loser extended his arm, trying to help, whatever help meant in that context, but Firey didn't acknowledge it.

"Firey get it back!" Eraser shouted midly infuriated.

"GRRRR" Firey didn't talk back, "LOSER KILL ME NOW!"

"What...?"

"JUST DO IT!" Loser was still confused but listened to him, Loser gave a little touch in Firey's forehead, and just like that, Firey was split in two and also dead. The volleyball players were just as lost as Loser was, and for a little while nobody said a thing...

Eraser cleared his throat, "Loser can you get the ball back?"

Loser looked at the ball, considering what to do. Was it correct to return it after they destroyed the sand castle? Would Firey be mad if he actually did that?

"CAN YOU?!" Eraser repeated.

"Ok" Loser said and took the ball, walking to where Eraser was. But before he could return it Firey ran into them stealing it once again and this time burning it.

"Haha Loser!" He said to Eraser, Loser felt weirded out.

"I'm gonna crush you!" Eraser growled

"I wanna see you try!" Firey answered.

Eraser smirked and looked at Tree, who got another volleyball from his foliage and threw it to Eraser, who caught it without even looking in its direction. Firey stepped back, but still looking at him with challenging eyes.

"All of you against me alone!" Eraser said while spinning the ball in one finger "I win, and you'll bring us another ball, and get out of the beach for the rest of the week"

"And, and if we win you'll rebuild our sand castle and, and also get out for the rest of the week!" Firey replied.

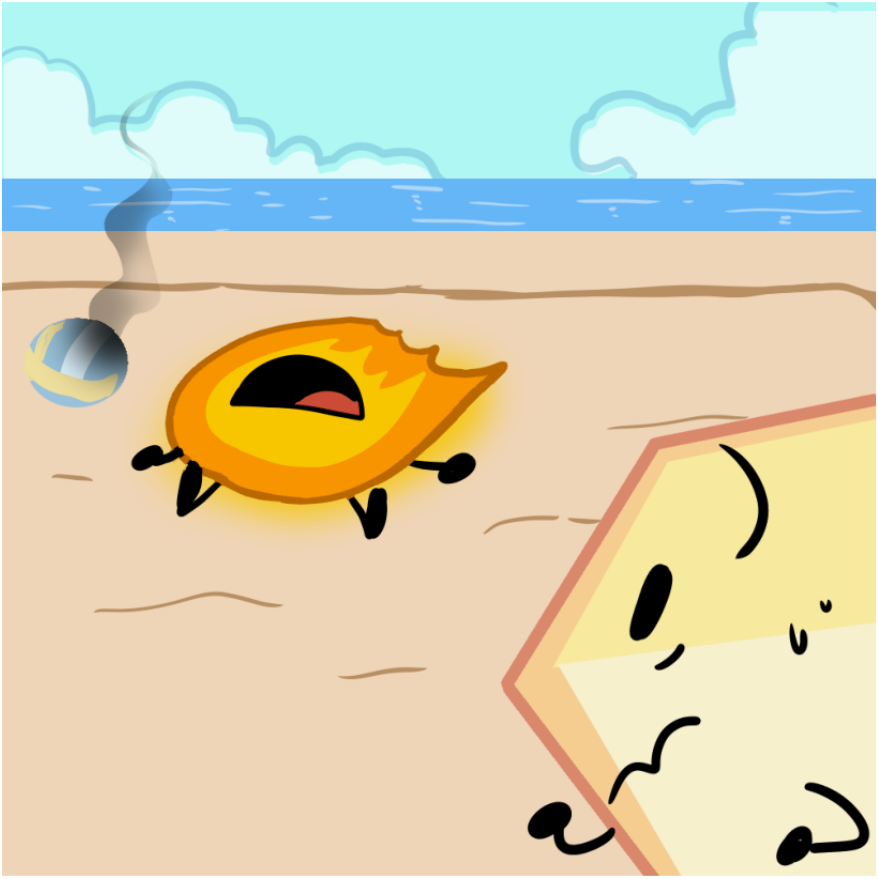
"We have a deal"

Firey and Loser went to one of the courts, Pen, David and Tree were going to also play with them. Loser was very nervous, he didn't know how to play that game, he looked at Firey for help, but Firey didn't look back, he was focused on the competition.

Eraser started, he threw the ball smoothly into the air just to serve it afterwards with all his strength. Firey felt very confident and jumped into the air trying to hit the ball, painfully he missed the position of the ball for almost two whole meters and it fell behind him, making Eraser win his first point.

"You were just lucky" Firey said "Let me try!"

He took the ball and tried to throw it as far as possible with both of his arms, this was an obviously illegal move, but before anyone could tell him about it, he threw it. The ball then went straight into the net, which was also an illegal move, and after which, it bounced back to where Firey was standing, hitting him in the face and leaving him on the ground for more than five minutes. Which, by the way, is also illegal in this sport.



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Four was still alone in the forest. He kept reminding what just happened and feeling terrible about how easy it was for One to trick him, his foot was also a constant pain, the rope of the trap was too strong and any attempt of getting off made the knot even tighter. Four was also quite ashamed, he didn't want anyone to find him like that, trapped and humiliated.

The intrusive thoughts were very loud, he just closed his eyes and accommodated himself, the pain was still there in all it's forms, but the situation was also getting incredibly tiring. He closed his eyes and the thoughts started to mesh with the sounds of the forest and his rhythmic breath, like a white noise, the turmoiled sounds went lost in the sleep.

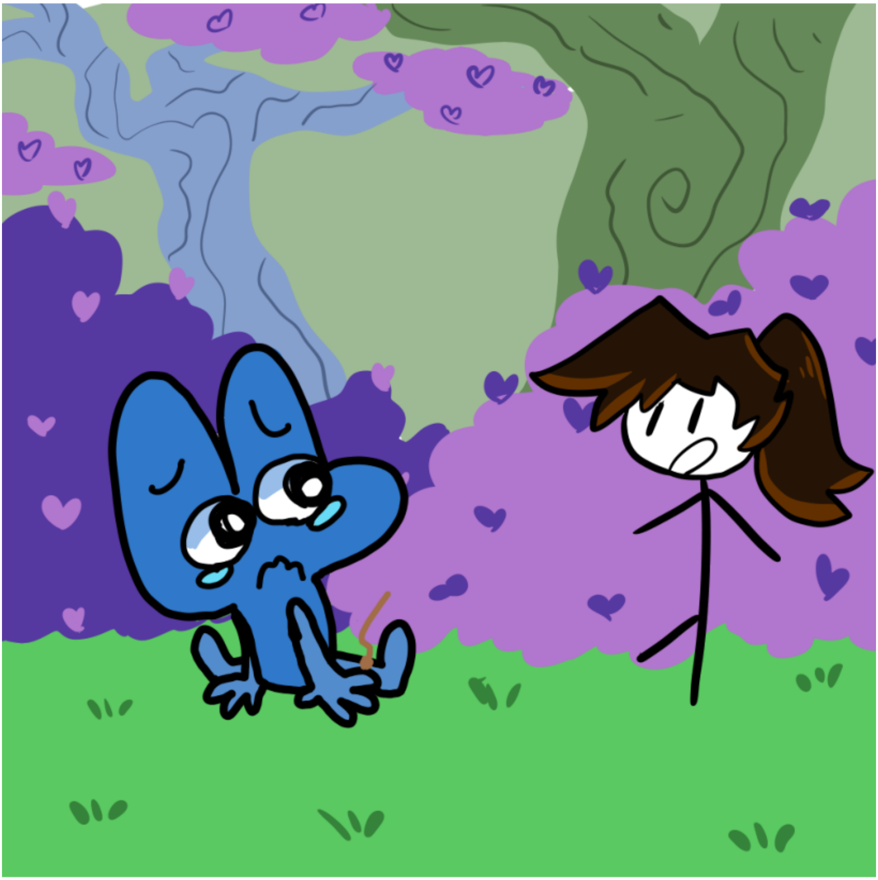
What started as a memory soon turned into shapes and feelings mixing up in multiple combinations. X was at the top of the hill, with the entire world forming and disappearing the trees and seesaws with every turn Four did, the chirping of the real birds filtered through the oniric ilusion, the voices were *analog,* with no better terms to describe it.

Four walked to the top, for several hours, limping the entire way while not loosing the sight in the bark of the tree, which breathed and transformed itself into different forms. Finally getting to the top, Four sat there at their side, X asked what was he doing and Four said he wanted to get a new leg, X said nothing in response.

The days passed, the mornings and sunsets moved like a roulette, until Four turned to the moon and the time stopped. The cold light of the satelite atracted him to it, walked in the air in a celestial path. He asked where he was and the moon didn't answer, he asked where he was going and the moon didn't answer, he asked what time it was and then he couldn't move anymore, but the moon kept getting closer, the sounds started to get louder and once the radiant light was the only thing in his sight he felt like he was drowning, the moon was being generous, the lack of air was about to let him unconsious.

Until something strange was heard.

Four jumped from his place, soon recovering his breath, gasped multiple times and looked around just to find someone was already looking at him.



"Dadadadadadadada"(Why are you tied to the bushes?) Dora asked, she almost immediatly remebered that she was the only one around who spoke that language and felt a little worried about the type of answer he was going to give.

"I don't want to talk about it" Four said which surprized Dora.

"Dadadadadadadadadada?"(How can you speak Insulavoric?)

"I'm from the north of the integer overflow area, the Delta archipelago isn't that far away" He replied "I'm not good at talking though..."

"Dadadadada"(No problem) Dora was very happy with this discovery, she could barely hide her exitement of finally finding someone she could talk to "Dadadadadadada, dadadadada, dadada?" (I was here following a David clone around, but seems like this is more urgent, can i help?)

Four turned in his place and extended his leg so Dora could cut the rope. She made a scissors with her hands and Four was freed. He looked at the broken trap, more relieved, but still with a melancholic glance. Dora wasn't sure what happened, she expected the number to be much happier.

"Dadadadadada?" (What's the problem?) She asked.

Four explained what happened, and after knowing the situation Dora proposed something. She told him that maybe if they could catch One before the next shift, nobody will notice what just happened. The idea was so good in Fours perspective that he decided that that was going to be his next objective. Hide the humiliation under the rug, forever to be forgotten!

First they needed to know where One could be hiding, because of the nature of their crimes both concluded it was probably closer to the other numbers. It was going to be a very delicate mission, if Two, Five or X spotted them, Four was doomed. With the confidence in the plan filling their hearts Dora started to run.

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Pen hit the ball, passing it to Tree, who immediatly catched it and very calmly dropped it onto the field. Firey was very mad after looking at that scene, he ran to Tree to scold him.

"What have you done?" Firey said "You are supposed to help me win"

"Yeah... I'm not doing that" Tree replied "If you win i will need to keep the promise and not come again until next week, why should i help you?"

Firey understood Tree's argument, he needed a way to make Tree and his friends to be on his side and quickly, just while he was thinking Eraser was already scoring two more points.

"You know Tree, we can have a treat" Firey rubbed his hands together maliciously "You know in the future i will win Dream Island..."

"I'm sure that's not how it works" Tree answered.

On the other side of the court David, Pen and Loser were standing together. Pen was just like Tree, he wanted to make Firey lose so he wouldn't lose his beach privileges, but at the same time he ocasionally returned the ball or passed it to someone just to notice what just happened a few seconds later, David on the other side barely ever played at all, just repeating his catch phrase everytime the ball went directly to his face.

"Hey. Em, Can i please ask you something?" Loser said to Pen.

"Yeah, why not?" As he spoke the ball hit the ground, Eraser scored another point, now they were at 17 to 0.

"How can i...play?" Loser asked.

"Oh, it's simple, you just need to hit the ball and make it touch your rival's court" Pen said happily.

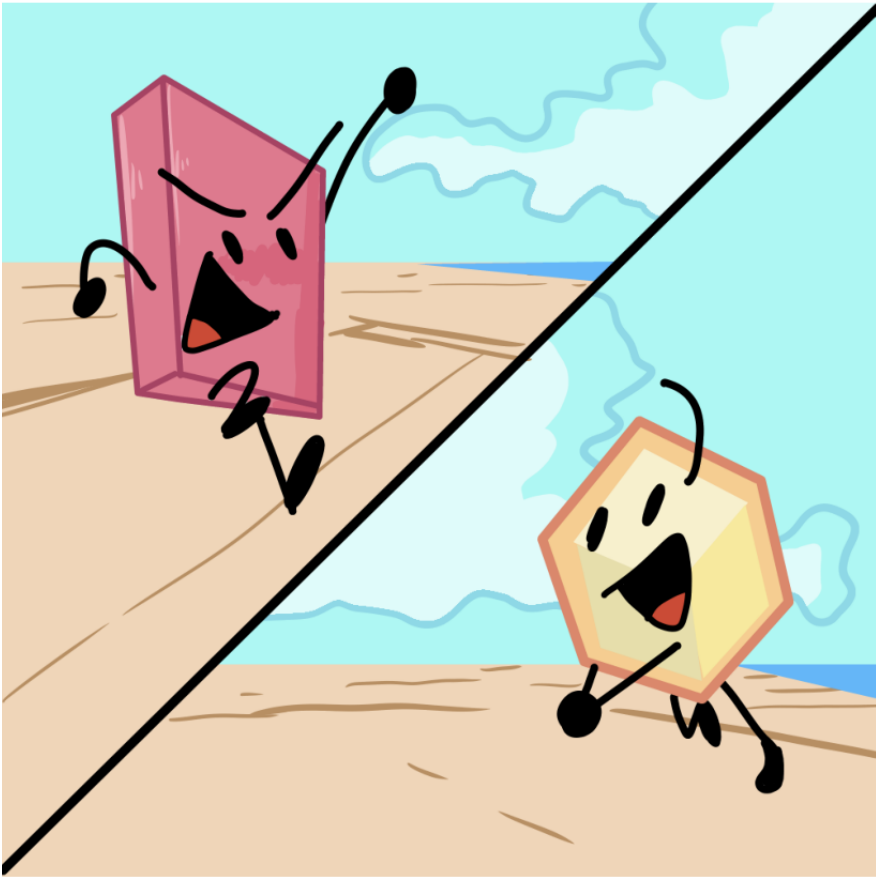
"Aw serously?" Pen stole the ball from David's hand and passed it to Loser.

"Give it a try"

Loser served and the ball flew much higher than anyone expected. Eraser who wasn't paying that much attention was too slow to return it before the ball touched the groud in his side, Firey just scored his first point. Pen was perplexed and dumbfounded, Tree got closer to him and smacked him upside the head.

Pen's ignorance soon completly destroyed what was until now a perfect streak, from 17 to 0, Firey's team went to 19 to 19. Everything happened so fast that both Firey and Pen could barely believe it.

In a normal volleyball game all the six players of each team will be working together and going the extra mile just to win. But in right now, it was only Eraser and Loser the players actually doing something, after about half an hour of not being able to even touch the ball, Tree, David, Pen and Firey just sat outside the court.



"You are good player" Eraser said gasping.

"You are very good too!" Loser answered.

The ball was jumping from one side to the other, as the ammount of interchanges started to increase a large group of people started to watch the game. Eraser was returning the ball faster and faster, trying to make it harder for Loser. The audience sang each players names from their respective sides.

"Woohoo, go Loser" Firey cheered "I knew he was my best friend"

"What? I thought Leafy was your best friend" Tree replied.

"Yeah she is, but she's my best friend who is a girl, so i have another spot for a boy best friend" Firey said.

Tree was about to reply again but then the sound of dozens of gasps made him notice that Loser just scored another point, 19 to 20, if Loser scored one point more the game was going to end. Pen started to tremble and a droplet of cold sweat slipped through Tree's forehead.

"Aw serously!"

Eraser took the ball, still panting wearily, he exchanged a glance with his opponent. Loser was also very tired, the midday sun made him just want a cold drink in the shade.

Eraser raised the ball with his left hand, the audience shouted in excitement. After this Eraser served again, the interchanges started and the audience started to repeat the names in an increasing rhythm. Firey was crossing all his fingers, and his arms, and his eyes.

"WHAT'S LIKE HAPPENING?!" Match showed up from the crowd.

This distraction made Eraser look away from the game just a second, which was more than enough. The ball was just too far away for him to catch it and the game was over. Firey's team won.

The audience started to celebrate. Eraser sighed, he went to the other side of the court and raised Loser's hand in the air, declaring him victorious.

"Good game" Eraser stepped aside and smiled, Loser smiled back.

"Nooo, Eraser i'm sorry, it was all my fault" Pen said, wailing.

"Pen, stop whining, that's very uncool" Eraser said, and Pen felt very offended about it.

The audience started to lift Loser in the air, he wasn't very comfortable with this but his voice was muted by the combined voices of the group.

"But really, What's happening?" Match said while seeing everyone leave.

Firey began to mock the losers, did a dance, tried to make various humiliating nicknames, which ended up making him feel more embarrassed of himself than anything and, finally, passed them the shovel and bucket to start the reconstruction.

The sand hill was nearly ten feet high, but there was nothing to be done about it. Tree gave a heavy sigh and began to carry sand.

"I love happy endings, don't you love them too Loser?" Firey asked, but nobody answered "Loser?"

Far away already, the crowd was still lifting Loser and celebrating, and as they dissapeared in the woods Firey though:

"What's a victory if you can't feel the tears of your rivals... Wow, that was so deep, i should write a book" Let's hope he doesn't.

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"I'm telling you Bubble, it was a red hand coming from the water"

"I believe you, i believe you, you don't have to repeat it so many toimes" Bubble told her softly.

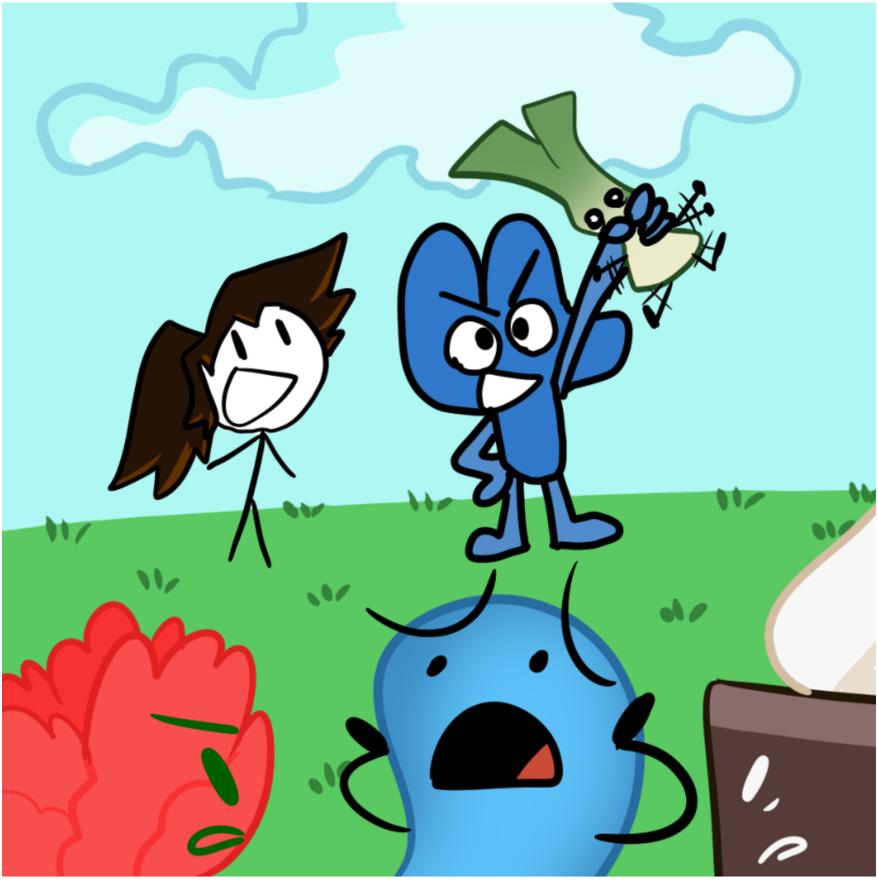
"I guess but you don't seem half as concerned as i am!" Ruby replied "And don't try to say you are, i know your voice would crack if you were"

The two friends walked back to the building, there was people all over the place, making picnics, playing games and flying kites.

Ruby just wanted to return to her room, her only desire right now was to lay in her bed and maybe get some sleep, life was being just too much for her lately. Bubble wanted to leave her stuff in her room before returning to the alliance.

"I GOT YOU ONE! YOUR SHAPESHIFTING WASN'T GOING TO PROTECT YOU FOR LONG!" they heard from behind them.

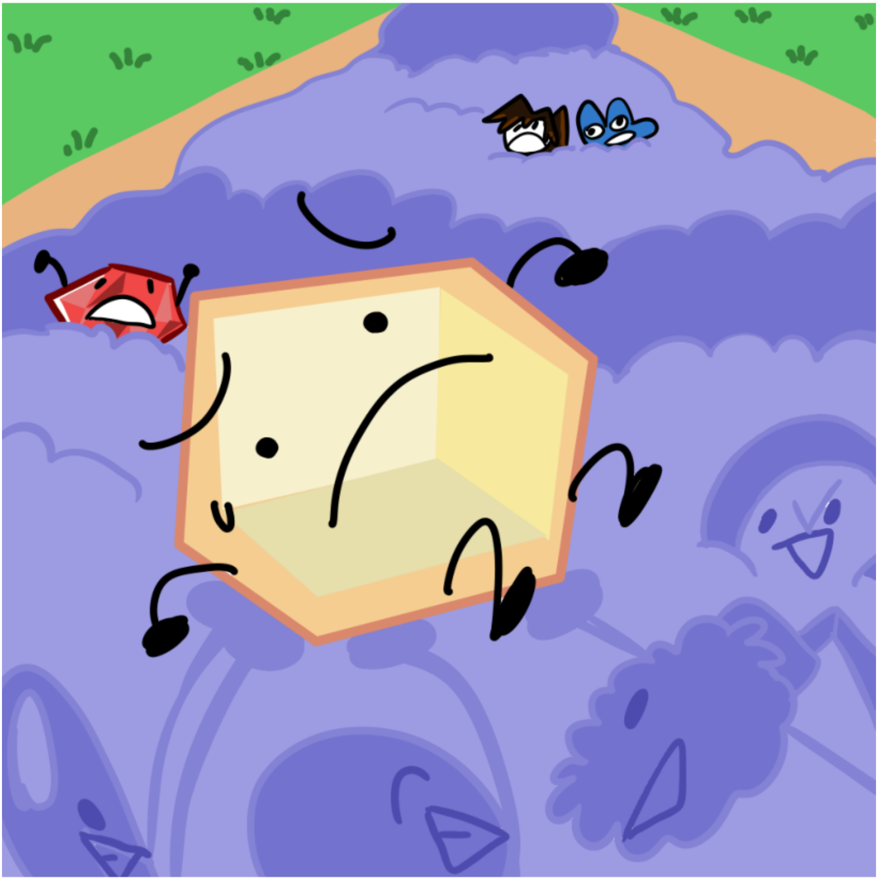
"DADADADADADADADADA"(WE FOUND THEM, HOORAY!) Dora cheered.



"Oh no, oh no, What's happening? Why is Leek being held in such a savage and unethical way? Poor Leek, this monsters just squished him like a, like a, i don't know, like something ment to be squished, what a terrible destiny. Why is the universe letting this horrible situations happen?" Drear-top weeped.

Ruby and Bubble just looked at the scene in confusion, but before they could do anything about it, another sound came, this time it was like dozens of voices mixed together, which was exactly what it was.

The crowd was still celebrating, and lifting Loser in the air, soon the entire place was covered by dozens of fans, it was hard to walk at all. Loser looking from above was having one of the worse moments of his life, fame wasn't for him, it wasn't for him at all!



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I've always thought that Bubble says Ruby's name with the same pronunciation as that youtube series "rwby", nothing related to the chapter but i wanted to tell this to somebody.

It can seem like just a little joke about Firey's utter incompetence in volleyball, but it's actually true, in Beach Volleyball you are not allowed to rest more than five minutes after an injury.

Cold shivering

The sun was filtering through the translucent sheet she was using as a curtain. In the room everything was in the wrong place, the closet and the bed were pushed to the door, blocking any possible attempt of Leafy to get inside. In a corner, a few messy blankets and pillows were on the floor.

Ice cube was sitting in the middle of her room, occasionally lowering her sight and closing her eyes due to sleep deprivation. As soon as she had the keys to her room, she set about creating a fort that Leafy couldn't get into. In the early morning, when everyone was asleep, she had gone down to the basement and gathered as many resources as she could. Blocking all possible entrances and exits, she was proud of her achievement, but it kept her awake at night.

She remembered, this morning, she had heard at least two people knocking on the door. There they were, trying to deceive her and make her fall right into the trap.

How do forget the terrible things that leaf had done to her and her friends, catching them one by one and leaving those remnants at the scenes of the crime. This time she would not allow it, she would not allow her to carve into her ice until she was unconscious from the pain.

Someone knocked on the door again. Ice cube stared silently in the direction of that sound.

"Ice cube, are you dead?" a voice asked from the other side, but Ice cube kept silent.

On the other side of the door, Pie was standing, trying to find a way to get Ice cube to come out. She was accompanied by Lego Brick and Remote.

"She's not dead, Nine tried to recover her, and it didn't work" Remote commented.

"I mean, she's probably fine, we should be focusing on other things" Lego Brick argued.

The three of them left somewhat dejected, this was already the third day in a row that she had been locked up. Meanwhile, Icy was glad to hear them leave, she was once again happy with her solitude. She went to get some fruit candies to celebrate.

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"It's not that bad of an idea"

"Leafy, are you crazy?" Pin said "What you are doing it's a felony in most administrations"

Leafy called Pin to help her with her new project, she wanted to get into Ice cube's room through the only possible entrance, the sewer system. The plan only received criticism from Pin, who thought it was dumb, disgusting, and illegal.

"Come on Pin, we need to make Icy know I'm not what she thinks I am"

"Well, maybe the best way to do that is not getting into her property without her permission with the creepiest method imaginable!" Pin finally said and walked out of Leafy's room who just watched her go away.

Leafy looked at the floor and for a second she considered that maybe Pin had a point, maybe invading Ice cube's safe space wasn't really a nice move. Pin returned for a second, which made Leafy smile.

"And also, once you see reason, you can go to the west of the island, Needle is going to teach us a very funny dance" Pin left once again and Leafy stopped smiling.

The leaf watched her window for a while, she wanted to know the answer, was it right to do it or was it not? Who could know? The world was a place full of mysteries waiting to be cleared up! Looking the outside she saw people enjoying each other's company and something, in particular, caught her attention.

If she ignored the hide-and-seek game the old members of Beep were playing, and the passionate kiss two other people were having behind a tree, she could spot something. She saw Firey and Coiny, they were waiting for Pin down the shade, she couldn't hear what they were talking about, but the conversation seemed cheerful. The memories of their constant fights were the only thing she could think about.

"This is the best opportunity to fix a friendship" she whispered to herself and jumped back into planning the trespassing.

Leafy needed a map of the sewer system of the building, and a bag so she could keep some extra air. She rushed to the basement so she could create a few sheets of paper and make a much better-organized plan. Jumping and cheering as she walked down the stairs Leafy started to imagine all the cool bonding experiences she would have with Icy once her plan was completed.

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"This is getting very annoying, I already fixed the elevator seven times, and we got here just four days ago" Lego brick complained at the Death pact meeting. Tree sighed in frustration while passing him a cup of coffee.

The tasks they needed to do to keep everyone safe were very tough, it was even harder because even if Lego and Conch shell joined, Bottle and Pen didn't want to help anymore and Pillow was missing. They needed new members to keep up with death prevention but as it turns out, when you live in a world where everyone can revive as many times as they want, not many people are interested in preventing death.

Shelly checked her case, she didn't want to forget anything. When Remote got the idea of pasting posters to increase the interest of more objects to join, the only one who chose to join was her. Apparently a registered nurse, she was the only one who seemed to have any idea what she was doing at all times, even if she never showed any expression.

It was midday, they were going to get a break for the next hour, unless any emergencies occurred. Tree was prepared to go outside, the sunlight was going to feel amazing that day; Remote prepared for her date with Battery, nothing too serious, only platonic she said; Lego didn't plan anything yet, he was probably going to walk around doing nothing until going back to work, maybe getting an idea for some cool project three minutes before needing to return to his obligations; and finally Shelly was going to return to her room a soon as possible, Drear-top said she wanted to cook that day and stopping her was preventing deaths.

They were picking up some stuff when Rose and Snowball entered the room. Rose was, as always, above Snowball's head, she liked to feel tall.

"Oh my beloved unpaid maintenance team, I, Rose, have arrived to solve all your problems" She said extending one of her arms up and resting the other over her chest "Rejoice Death pact"

"What? Are you going to announce we are looking for more volunteers to everyone in the hotel?" Tree asked.

"No"

"Are you going to give us some benefits for willingly helping with keeping everyone safe?"Remote asked.

"No" Rose got annoyed "You guys have such a high expectations, that's not very grateful"

"Then what are you gonna do?" Tree asked with frustration.

"I have something for you" Rose said and looked at Snowball who went back a few steps and grabbed something. He returned to the room and dropped a cloth bag in the floor, something was alive inside "I got you what you were crying for, I'm leaving now, I have landlord things to do like threatening people with homelessness"

The members of Death pact weren't sure what to do now. Obviously, they were going to free whatever was in the bag, but it would be irresponsible to just do it without thinking much about it. Lego looked at Tree who raised his shoulders, Remote got closer to the bag but it moved a lot and she didn't want to touch it.

"Oh my gardener, How did I get into this mess?" They heard from inside the bag. If it could talk it wasn't that much of a danger so they immediately opened the bag, revealing the person who was kidnapped.

"Flower?" Tree was dumbfounded "What? Why?"

"Oh hi, where am i?" She asked while getting up.

"This is Death pact headquarters" Remote said all proud.

"It used to be the room where they kept the fuses and wires" Tree mentioned briefly

"Yeah, we fixed that with a our great engineering capacity" Remote was talking about the plastic sheet they nailed over the electric panel.

Flower explained what she remembered happened. She was making her bed after waking up that morning, when Rose knocked her door and asked her if she was prepared to make new friends and find the true meaning of her life, the question was in her words "extremely vague" so she just answered yes without thinking much about it, after she finished tidying up her room she was trapped inside the bag and was there for three hours at least before being dropped there.

"So Rose wants you to work here" Lego brick said "We are short on personal, Would you at least consider it?"

"What do you guys do anyways?" Flower asked.

"We prevent deaths and create trust" Remote said "Like when we caught Marker yesterday after he was thrown from the highest floor by Blocky in one of his pranks"

"Come on, I doubt Flower of all people would want to prevent deaths" Tree replied "We are losing our time"

Flower was genuinely considering it now. She wanted to leave her past behind, and people weren't going to trust her until she had proven who she was now. Maybe Rose wasn't just a sociopath who kidnapped people for fun, maybe she had actually done her a favor.

"I think i can... Try?" Flower said, Lego and Remote felt really well, now the jobs were going to be better distributed, Tree on the other hand felt like an idiot, he began to think that he should have considered that maybe that Flower was from a timeline where that had never happened.

"Well you should return here once Pie is back" Remote said "She's the leader, but she's taking care of the Freesmart bay right now, objects drowning or eating too much sand are the dangers she's preventing"

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Icy created a new way of entertaining herself. Staring at the lights that filtered trough her windows and closing them tightly she could force the eye's light persistence to make shapes and, just as clouds in the sky, play to guess what each of them looked like. It was terrible that Ice cube, when she got all the resources, didn't consider boredom as a problem she would face, one could guess that, when you are in a situation of panic dealing with boredom isn't your first priority.

She could see a big rectangle with the texture of small yellow polka dots, then a shark completely white and later an light gray orchid. A little smile showed in her face, he mind started to forget about Leafy, and the world began to fade.

The constant blinking made Ice cube feel even more tired and drowsy... Until she fell asleep...

The tension and atmosphere of the room changed. Now what was not more than a panic box turned into a den, in which only the rhythmic breathing of the inhabitant could be heard, finally in peace. There were not dreams at that moment, only rest.

Without she noticing something else was about to happen, her own nightmares were diving in her direction.

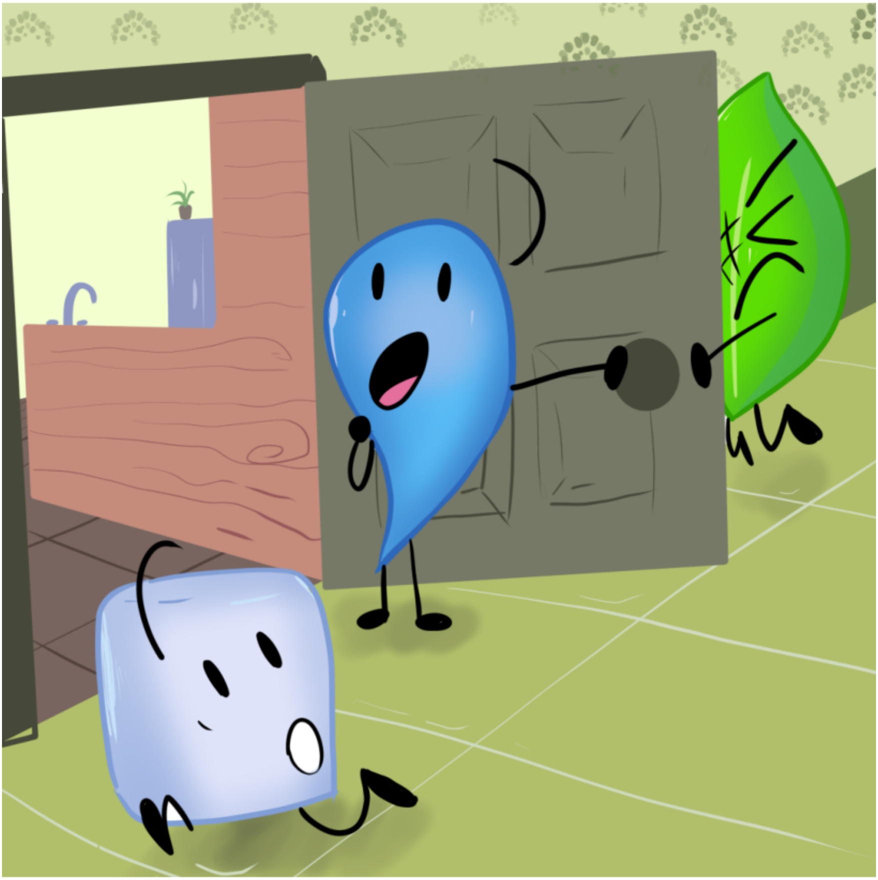
She woke up in an instant, and listened to the droplets hitting the floor of the bathroom, wet steps getting closer to the door. Ice cube started to hyperventilate, stepped back as the sounds started to get closer. The metallic noise of it struggling to open the doorknob made Ice cube panic, she used all her strength to liberate the blocked entrance.

Icy took several attempts to fit the key, her shaky movements made her miss the lock. She heard a voice calling her, a voice ingrained in her memories.

"Ice cube, it's me" the voice howled from behind the door "Leafy is here!"

When the cause of her fears opened the door, Ice cube was already running down the hallways to an uncertain destination. The little cube was unsure, the paths looked all the same now, the directions blend together as the dread consume her perception. Soon Icy heard the steps, Leafy was running behind her, she had no time anymore.

She cried for help, and some curious objects slightly opened their doors, but nobody acted. Leafy was taking several strides, getting closer and closer, extended her arms, Ice cube let out a shriek.



"Oh my lachrymose, What's going on outside? That scream just scared me to dead, well not literally to dead you know? I'm still alive, but it really gave me chills and made me jump and hit my head over the upper kitchen drawer, it still hurts and i think i accidentally break some glasses, not glasses like the things you use to see when you have myopia or hyperopia but the plural of glass, like the ones you use to drink stuff, there surely is a better term for that and i'm forgetting it just when i need to talk about them, Did that ever happen to you? You know when you are talking and out of nowhere a specific item, feeling or anything comes into the conversation and you forget how to say that? It happens to me all of the time, it can be very frustrating because often you remember how to say it way after the original topic of the conversation was already forgotten, and we are talking about something completely different and unrelated..." Said Drear-top opening the door and slamming Leafy.

Ice cube ignored what the stranger had to say, but silently thanked them without stopping her run. She arrived at an elevator and pushed the buttons and waited for the door to close, Leafy turned down the hallway and rushed to get inside it too, but for Ice cube's fortune the elevator closed before Leafy could.

In the insides of the elevator Icy took a breath, she sat on a corner and tried to calm herself down. A yellow light illuminated the buttons, showing in which floor she was, a dinging bell also heard. Ice cube started to plan what she was going to do once she got to the ground floor, she needed a new hiding place, and she needed to find all the resources she just lost. She needed to be more careful next time.

The elevator was about to get to the ground floor when a metallic screech brought her out of her thoughts. The lights turned off, and now Icy was lone in the dark.

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Flower was getting bored of waiting, even if she was left there for only three minutes so far, the fact that Death pact's designated room wasn't particularly eye-catching didn't help either "This place really needs a lady's touch" she thought for herself. Any reflections were interrupted by a red phone on the other corner.

When the phone started ringing she wasn't sure if it was appropriate for her to answer, she wasn't an official member yet so maybe she should wait until the others returned. The phone continued to ring and she then considered that maybe Death pact wouldn't be so happy with her ignoring a potential life threatening situation, after all they were all about preventing deaths... she walked coyly to the phone and answered the call.

"About time!" Rose said on the other side "The elevator is stuck again, you guys should go there and fix it, someone is inside, nobody reported it but i can hear them whining when i lean my head through the sealed doors"

"Oh, i..." Flower wasn't sure what to say, but that didn't matter that much, because Rose cut off the call before she could embarrass herself.

Now Flower knew what she needed to do, kinda, because she actually was completely lost on what to do next. She wasn't a mechanic or anything similar, How exactly was she supposed to fix whatever just happened? Flower started to walk on circles, letting her own thoughts overwhelm her.

"Flower" someone said from the door "You should come with me..."

Flower was truly relieved that moment, Conch Shell figured her help was needed, somehow... nonetheless seeing that one of the members of Death pact was around relaxed her. Shelly didn't wait for an answer and just left, Flower followed her.

"How did you know?" Flower asked, chuckling a little.

"Drear-top told me Ice cube was stuck on the elevator" She said in her monotonous voice "Lego is going to be so mad"

Once they reached the elevators entrance on that floor Flower got a little confused. They didn't seems to be doing anything, just standing in front of it, which was for sure not helping on their goal of saving lives.

"What do we do next?" Flower asked impatiently.

"I need to open the elevator's entrance before, i don't have a crowbar"

"You don't need a crowbar" Flower pretentiously "Look!"

With nothing but her bare hands Flower opened the entrance "I still got it" she thought for herself. Flower jumped into the broken elevator, sliding down the suspension cables.

"Yeah, Lego is going to be really mad" Conch shell said before following her.

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The strange noises didn't stop for Ice cube, the sound of a metal bending echoed in the elevator's cabin. She heard a steady sound getting louder, being finished with a stomp and followed by another, both which made the cabin shake. Ice cube couldn't hear what was being said outside, but she could hear someone was talking, the sole possibility of her being trapped down there with Leafy made Ice cube lose her mind.

Another shaking, this time she could feel it how someone was trying to open the upper gate. Ice cube ran in circles and groaned as the light started to get inside the place. The door opened.

"Ice cube, are you alright?" he breathed a sigh of relief, it wasn't Leafy.

She could recognize the shape among the shadows, not one of the most friendly faces in her experience but at that point she cared more about the not being Leafy thing. Ice cube let Flower hold her, soon she was being carried outside that dark room to another, slightly less dark room.

The other person accompanying Flower wasn't someone Icy remembered, she used a flashlight to see if Ice cube was injured, but only found stress indicators.

Ice cube heard how they discussed how to get back up, she couldn't stop questioning herself which one was worse, if staying there or going back to were her chaser was roaming. Leafy may be waiting for her at the exit, waving her arms and hiding behind a fake smile, waiting until the others weren't around.

Flower looked at Ice cube and noticed the anxious expressions she had, asked what was happening but Icy didn't say a thing. Conch shell interchanged a confused gaze with Flower, maybe they considered insisting in their questioning, Ice cube couldn't have known because they didn't speak about it again.

Shelly climbed first, telling the other two she was going to look for a rope and get them out of there, and for a few minutes she was alone with Flower in the dark. They didn't talk to each other, and neither they crossed sights. But even with the silence they preserved, someone noticed where they were.

"Oh! There you are!" That voice was unmistakable, if icy had skin it would have goose bumps "Want a helping hand?"

Flower noticed Ice cube's reaction, she looked up at Leafy who was peeking from the border of the elevator's broken doors.

"I will take your silence as a yes" She said jumping from the there and fell slowly while moving from one side to the other on the air, because of her light weight.

"Wait Leafy no!" said Flower coming to the realization, Ice cube wept, but now she could just see how Leafy fell gracefully into the cabin's roof.

When Leafy finally got to the bottom everyone in the room could notice how Leafy wasn't welcome there, but it wasn't like the newcomer cared at all. Flower wasn't the most experienced in the island when making friends was concerned, but kept Leafy as far apart as she could, Ice cube was grateful but at the moment she could articulate a thank you.

"Flower I'm back-" they heard from the exit "What? Why is Leafy down there too?"

"Hi Shelly, Nice to see you!" Leafy said waving her hand and smiling.

Conch shell threw a rope and asked Flower to tie everyone to it, after that she tied both herself and Leafy to the rope and held Ice cube while Shelly pulled them out.

When they were out Flower hesitated on leaving Ice cube, Leafy was there staring at her, clearly waiting for it to happen. Icy was much more nervous, the fear didn't let her think well, she only wished to be far away from Leafy. Flower leaned on Shelly and whispered something to her, Ice cube couldn't hear what they said.

Flower released her in the floor and Ice cube ran immediately. She thought Leafy was going to follow her, but when she turned back she saw how Shelly was holding her arms and talking with her, Ice cube whispered a thank you and escaped as fast as she could.

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"How do you know that?" Leafy asked without turning her gaze from Ice cube's direction, she soon turned in a hallway getting out of her sight.

"Drear-top told me she accidentally wounded you with a door" Conch shell explained "and also that she's sorry, and she messed up the kitchen, and that she finds the word glasses confusing... well she says a lot of things"

Conch shell released Leafy and looked inside her case, preparing her medical equipment. Flower kept an eye on Leafy who was really frustrated on the attitude everyone had about her behavior towards Ice cube.

The nurse usually hated routine procedures when it was clear nothing was up with her patients, but now she not only did all of them patiently but also repeated some of them "just to be sure", wasting as much of Leafy's time as she could. When Leafy was finally free to leave, Flower and Shelly hoped Icy was far enough for Leafy to not find her anymore.

Flower felt proud of herself, she had certainly made a good first impression that day on her new teammate, and also made a good deed, what a good new start. She walked with Shelly back to the Death pact headquarters ready to tell everyone what happened that day, but before they could even turn to another hallway they heard a groan behind them.

"HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE? WHY ME?" Lego cried after seeing the now destroyed door of the broken elevator.

"Ha" Shelly mocked him.

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Sorry for only having one picture, I had many others planned but my graphical tablet decided to not work and I didn't want to put uncompleted pictures in the story.

I originally wanted to add at the end a little animation video of Needle's funny dance, being caramell dancen, I may reuse that idea later.

Next episode Three is important so, uh, i guess look up for it.

The heroes breibia

Nine was blowing up a white balloon, he wasn't particularly good at it, he was using his entire lung capacity and still not having the best of the results. The small pile of balloons on his side was not being completed any time soon. He was supposed to make at least twenty at this point, but not even one was done yet. The number turned and looked at Eight, who was standing at the other corner of the roof, after staring at him for a few seconds Eight rolled their eyes and went to the rescue.

In the roof of the building, the numbers were preparing a big party. Nine told them that before appearing there it was just a week away from the day of the arrival, and he wanted to celebrate it. Because they were all from different moments in time, the established date caused a little disagreement, and not only that, the fact that they didn't find One yet caused Ten to refuse to participate.

For example, Five complained that it was unfair that it was Nine's time the one they were going to pick as the new default, after all, everyone had a just as valid alternative. Nine didn't argue anything, but begged for the others to listen to his idea, it was the closest date possible for it and everyone loved receiving gifts and eating cake.

Six showed with a big box of chips, they were very enthusiastic about the celebration, mostly because it was the only day Eight didn't voice their complaints about how it was important to have a healthy diet. They left the box on a corner with the others and counted how many were already there, in Six's mind the sky was the limit when it came to junk food "Maybe later I could get soda, oh yes, Eight hates those" Six smirked as they imagined all the possibilities.

"Be careful, you two..." Three said "...and don't look down"

"You remember we can fly, right?" Seven said, Two was helping her to pull some garlands over a series of iron rods that existed at the end of every mayor pillar in the building.

"Yeah but that ruins the fun" Three answered and smiled, after that the other two already finished tightening up the garlands and were climbing down the stairs to the roof again.

Three was holding a tiny list and checked something. His task was simple, just look at what others do and write it down. Most would define this obligation as not very useful and quite boring, but there was a twist to it Eight was patiently waiting to happen.

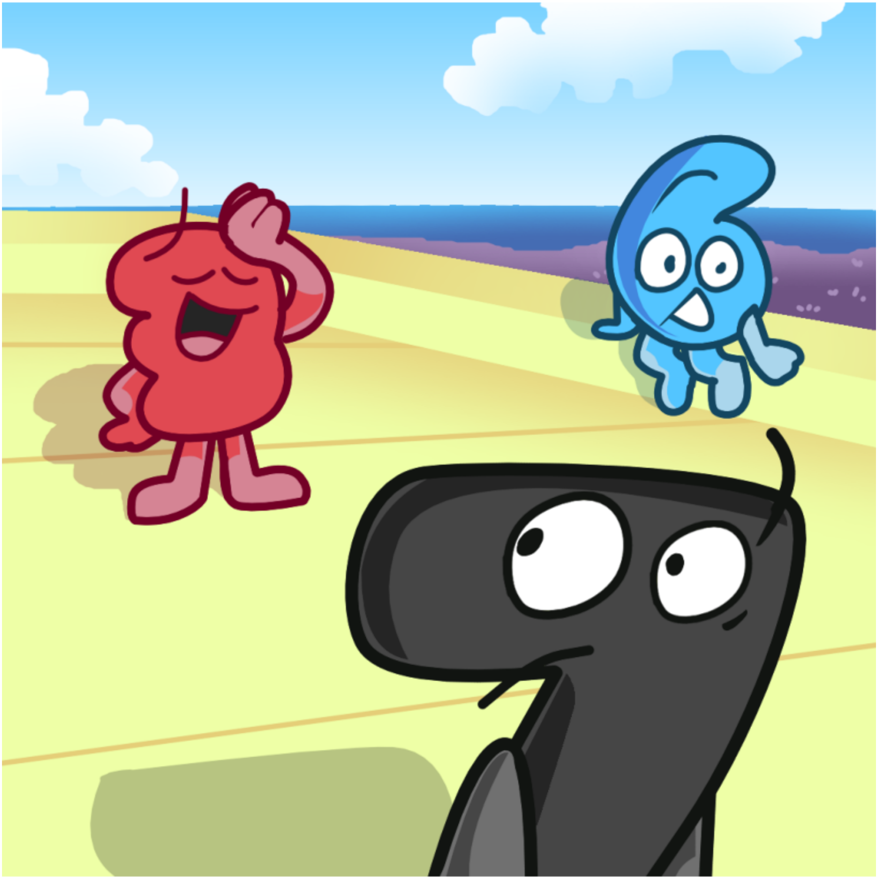
"The fun?" Two said "Falling to the ground doesn't sound very funny"

Seven didn't want to say anything in response to Three's apparent teasing, it was just a fabricated phrase they probably wanted the others to find funny, but as usual failed because Three can't be intentionally funny.

Two went to help Eight blow the balloons Nine was incapable of finishing, and Seven, thinking nobody was looking in her direction tried to flee, walking to the stairs, in times like this the best thing they could imagine was sleeping alone in her room while re-watching terrible movies all day. Their interest in the occasion was not nonexistent, but after centuries of evading the compromise as much as possible it basically became a tradition on its own for them, back in the equation playground they would "disappear" for a few hours before returning and being told that if they were to do that the next year they would no longer be invited, and also depending on how many accidents happened that year, scolded for negligence.

They were about to escape when a voice resounded all over the roof, to the point that it was also heard at some of the lower floors and, if you paid enough attention, also on the ground.

"FOR THE POWER OF THE BEHOLDER, WAIT RIGHT THERE YOU ROGUE, YOU ARE NOT OUTSMARTING ME" Three shouted, Seven stopped walking immediately and everyone started to look at the scene "Turn and look at me Seven, not even a natural 20 would save you from me!"



Eight wanted to laugh, it took them hundreds of years before getting that idea. It was hard to believe that Three of all people could counter Seven's bad habit like that, with the power of cringe.

Seven turned and saw Three having the most punchable face she ever saw, had his arms around his waist and was bowing condescendingly.

"Now go to your place again little number, and don't let this happen again" Three said, making the worst imitation possible of a cop and the best imitation of an intoxicated old lady with a sore throat ever made. When Seven passed close to him started to whisper very loudly pejorative adjectives, some of them not allowed in some jurisdictions.

Six didn't lose the opportunity to get some laughs out of the situation and went directly to Seven attempting to repeat Three's final phrase but unable to because they kept bursting out laughing every time they tried to make the same voice. Five's only reaction was facepalm, and to think about how the other numbers were a perfect example that age doesn't equal maturity.

Seven went to their next task and started to set up the tables, using the magic to do it, just so the terrible situation they were in could end as soon as possible.

"WAit!" Three said then "Not magic allowed, security rules remember"

Seven gave a long sigh of frustration and stopped the levitation a few seconds later, just enough time to aim one of the chairs, so it would fall in Six's head, never loosing an opportunity like that.

"I love this type of chair, you know?" Three said trying to start a conversation, "I used to stack them all and pretend it was a throne"

Seven ignored them.

"You may not have lived it but one time you pushed the chairs when I was in and my arm was in a cast for three months" Three said laughing.

Seven ignored them again and walked in the other direction.

"I don't have any rancor by the way" Three added following Seven as fast as they could "After all in those months I was confined in my house I got to learn how to play mahjong, It's actually quite easy"

"Stop following me!" Seven said mildly annoyed, "Don't you have anyone else to bother?"

Three didn't answer at all and just stared impassible until Seven returned to their work. In the next few minutes, it became clear what Three was really doing, he was babysitting them, Seven could see the other glancing occasionally on their direction, hiding their amusement, turning when Seven noticed them. The worse part was that, at every moment, Three tried to make conversation, and Seven was not really in the mood of talking with him after the humiliation of before.

"... it becomes fascinating when you begin to count all of them, maybe she could have won if the rules were a little different" Three said "Rock paper scissors has so many variations that make the game much more fun, but if you got to use at of them at the same time rock would be in disadvantage because in the French version of the game-"

"I'm not talking to you Three, Can you at least be quiet?" Seven said, "Is there anything I can do to make you leave me alone... please?"

Three smiled broadly and started to think what kind of game he could make Seven play.

"I'll leave you alone... If you win me in... " Three said, still undecided, "Oh, I got it!"

The red number went to X's side and asked for something, Seven just stood in their place waiting for whatever Three was scheming in their head. X then disappeared, after a few seconds, returned with a piece of paper and a red marker.

When Three returned he sat of the floor of the roof, Seven followed. Three using the red marker drew a 3x3 grid, and gave the red marker to Seven.

"Tic-tac-toe" Three said then, "Win three out of five, and I won't talk"

Seven was about to write something, but then Three said something else.

"Hey, wait, that's just half of the bet" Three said.

"Half of the bet?"

"Of course, I still didn't tell you what will happen if I win" Three replied "If I win, you will accompany me and my club to role-playing tonight" When Three finished saying it, Six's laugh was heard.

"I will what?!"

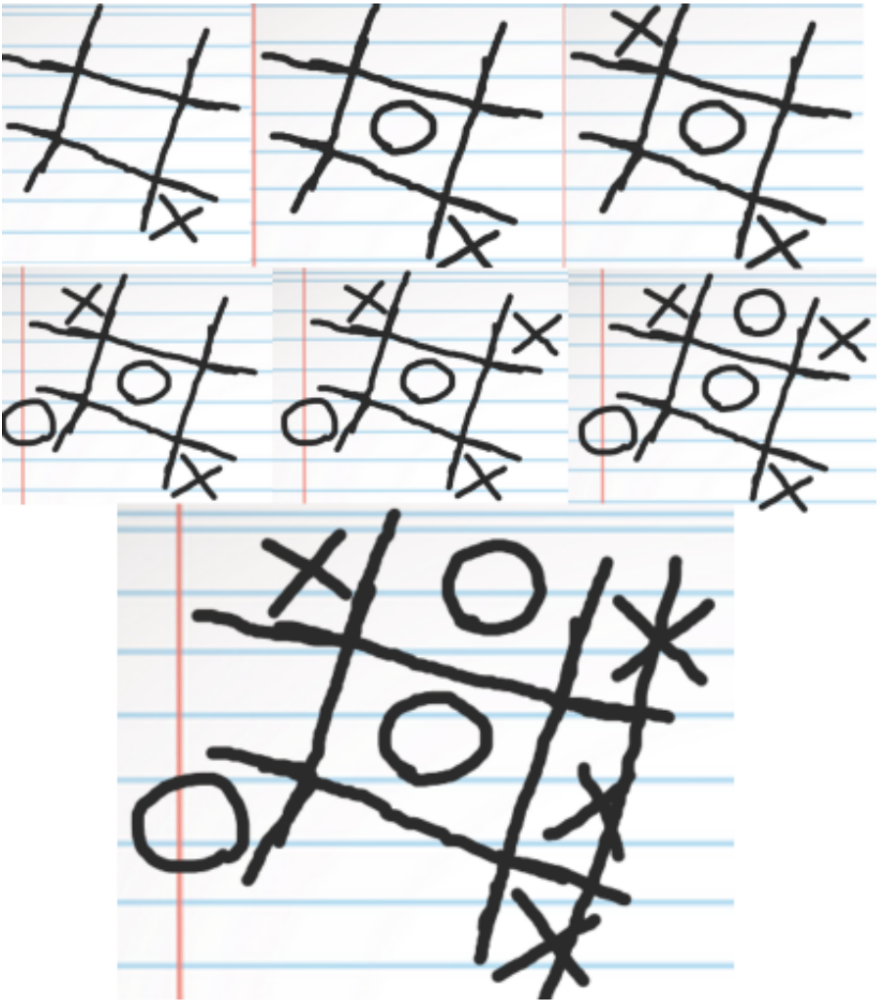
"They will not mind, the club is always looking for new players!" Three said extending his arms "It's not that hard, you'll adapt soon enough"

"Yeah Seven, you'll adapt to be a nerd before you even notice" Six said, forcing themself into the conversation.

"Dude, I'm not role-playing, that's just not going to happen" Seven said .

"Don't be a coward Seven" Six said, "Are you really going to step back from a bet? Pathetic!"

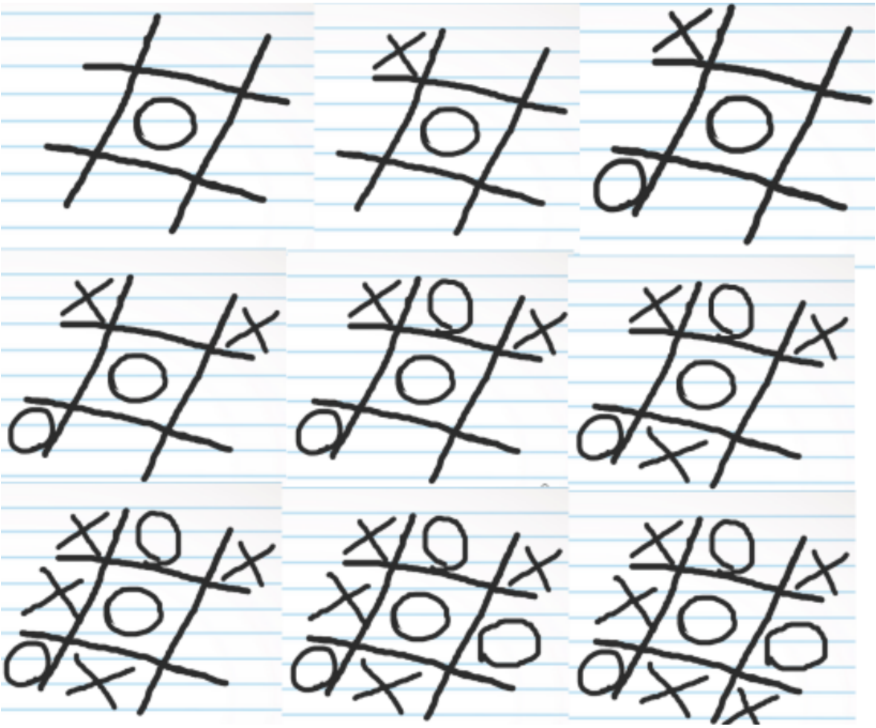
"SIX GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE I ZAP YOU" Seven said lifting her hand and Six walked away "Ugh, let's just begin before I regret this more"



Seven was concerned, they recognized that way of playing, and had no idea of how to counter it, Three didn't change his expression, Six started to cheer Three, which they thought would never happen in their entire life.

"If you want we can switch who plays first after each game" Three said "It's not a big deal"

Seven sighed and then prepared herself for the next round.

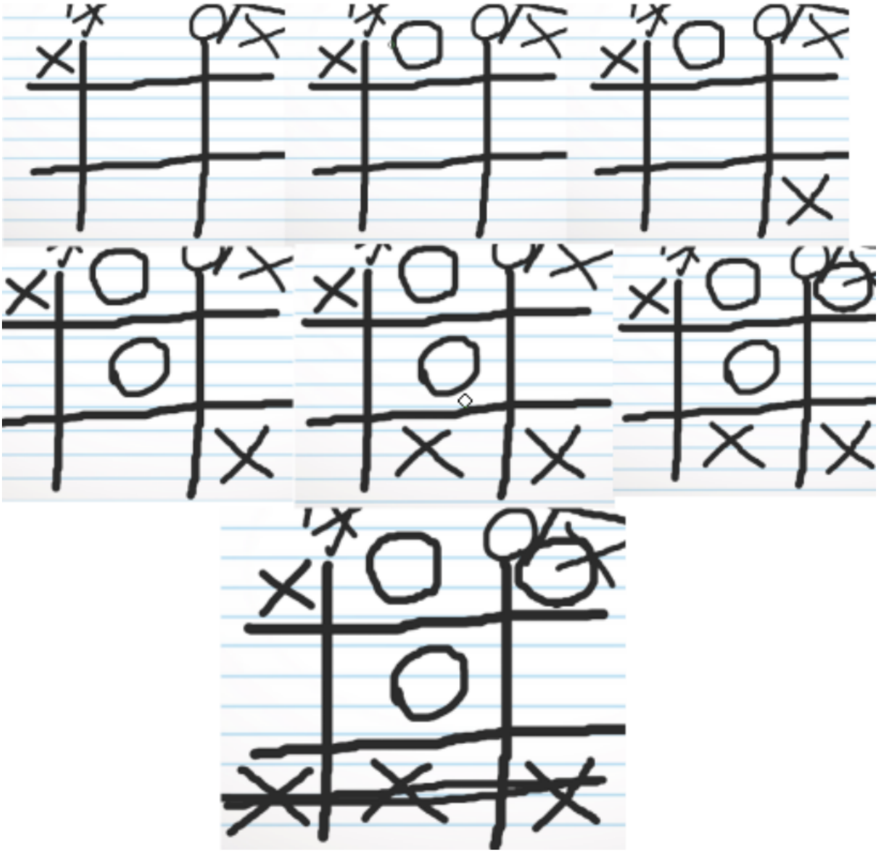


"Well a draw is not bad" Seven said after it, but they really didn't feel like it was ok at all, because Three was going to be first next and was still very much lost on how to win against him.

Six was just behind Three, watching with interest everything being done, wanting to replicate it in future games they could have with

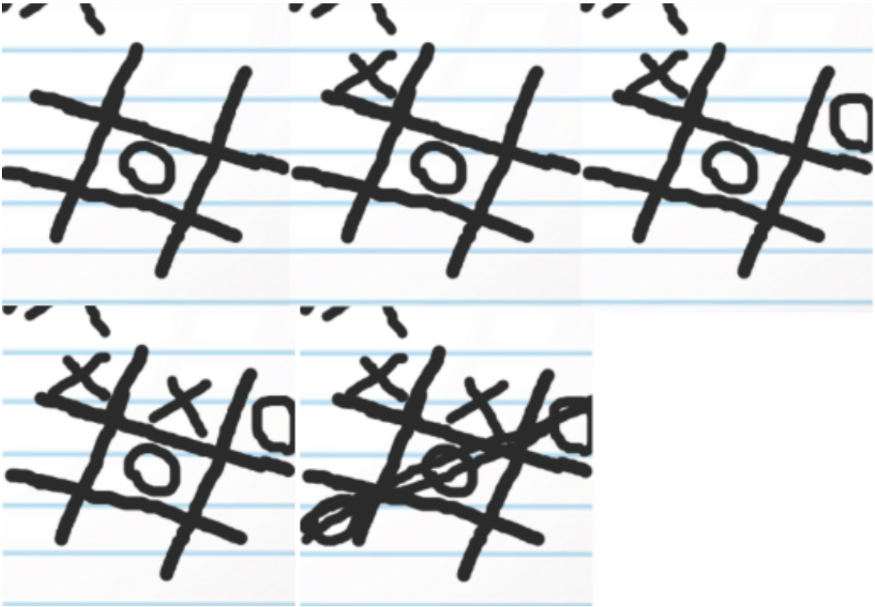
Nine or Eight. Also in general, enjoying Seven desperation.

The next grid was drawn by Three, this one larger than the one before, it was very unpractical from an objective standpoint, because the space left was shrinking quickly.



"Damn" Six said "Seven you are terrible at this"

Seven tried to ignore Six's attempts to mock her. They needed a miracle to win that game now, maybe the bet was a bad idea to begin with and maybe Three talking about random games for hours wasn't that bad. As Seven started to think that, Three drew the next grid.



"What was that?" Six asked offended "No way you didn't do that on purpose"

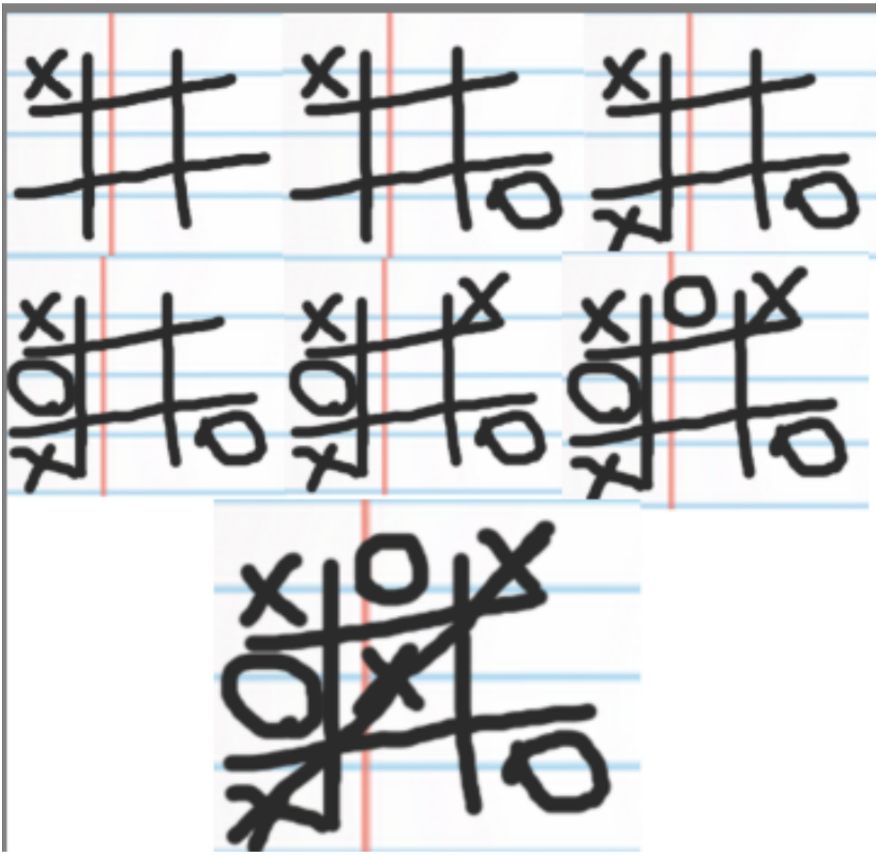
"I would never do such a thing!" Three said, lying.

"I don't need your pity Three, play properly or don't play" Seven said, a little insulted.

"I just wanted to make this more exciting you know?" Three said "It's not fun when you have a big advantage"

Five, who was looking for an excuse to skip some work went to see the game too. Seven thought that the people coming to see where really annoying. She wanted to zap them away but that would probably get the attention of more people, some situations can't be solved with violence, painfully.

The next grid was really small, because Three is not very good at managing space.



"Wait no!" Seven said, noticing the fatal mistake "I can't believe this..."

"Hahaha" Six scoffed "Seven is going to become a nerd tonight, this is the best thing ever"

"Shut up!" Seven shouted.

"Hope you enjoy completing spreadsheets" Five said while getting closer to the loser "Maybe you will discover your new passion" Five said this last thing and tried to contain the laughter, which didn't work and two seconds later both Six and him were mocking Seven together.

Three was the winner and Seven expected to see him more excited of the defeat, but when they looked at him he was looking down at them and holding a slight smile, the kind of face that communicates empathy. Seven felt disgusted, she wasn't a child and didn't need Three's weird patronizing attitude.

"You two, go back to work" Eight said to Six and Five who were still around not doing anything.

The numbers walked away grumbling. Seven and Three also went back to complete their respective tasks, weirdly enough Three didn't talk for the rest of the day, trying to not make Seven's day even worse than what it already was for them.

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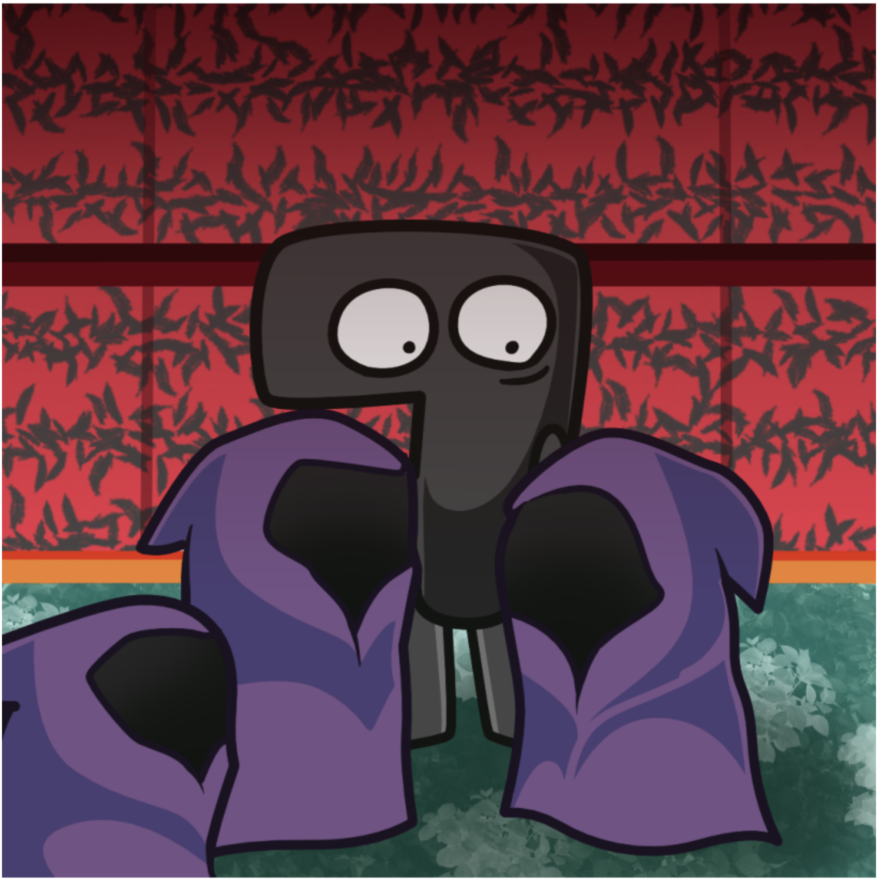
It was really hard to get prepared for the role playing, What exactly was she supposed to get? Going without anything just seemed wrong, so Seven decided to go with a small bag of chips, enough for them and them alone, sharing is caring, and she didn't care at all.

Three lived in what one could call, the worse area of the entire building. Small rooms and very narrow hallways, the theme didn't help at all with the space problem, red and black made the place look even smaller. Seven actually understood why, after all Three was one of the last people choosing a room, would make sense that everyone else would already pick the better ones, leaving Three with the leftovers.

When heading to Three's place she saw something strange, even for the standards they were expecting of a roleplay group. In front of the door there was someone with a robe, just standing there. Seven was really confused but didn't want to disturb whatever was happening with that guy, walked close enough to the door and didn't talk with the stranger. They stood there in silence until other people, also in weird robes, started to come, one by one "Three is not this weird, or is he?" Seven thought.



Finally the people counted a total of three, and then the first one knocked. They heard steps from behind and then Three opened the door, just slightly.

"Password" he said.

"2763" all of them said in unison and Three finally opened the door completely, the people in robes passed and the red number turned their gaze over Seven.

"What the-" Seven was about to use a really bad word, but because I decided so, Three huged them before they could finish, leading to Seven's rage, who pushed him away immediately.

When Seven got inside, the weird people from before were no longer using the robes, which made Seven forget for a second why they were there for, then they remembered it when she started to hear the weird words they were using.

"This is my party" Three said "Pen over there is a champion, Puffball is a cleric mixed with a druid, then we have-"

"I have no idea what any of that means" Seven said "I never got to play this before, I was too busy competing with Four and killing fish monsters in my timeline"

"Oh sorry" Three said "Well you know, those are classes and that things define what kind of abilities you have in the game, you can choose any of this list, try to not pick the ones that the rest of the players already have"

Three swiftly gave Seven a big book open in the page 534, where a big list of classes where written down "How did he get to write this in only five days?" Seven thought, looking at the ridiculous book. It was a big piece of literature, it was big enough to kill a small dog, maybe Seven didn't personally enjoy roleplaying, but the dedication of writing that monstrosity surely was something mildly respectable.

Started to read the list below. There were a total of 24 classes with their respective strong and weak points, on the side of a few of them she could see names written in pencil. Seven supposed those were the other members of the "party", quickly looked for Three's name to take his class just to annoy him, but he was nowhere to be seen.

"I think the rogue fits you really well" Three said "And it is not picked so maybe you should-"

"Sorcerer" Seven interrupted.

"Sorcerer will be then" Three said "I'll prepare some minor things for second, you should go meet your party"

"Whatever"

Seven walked closer to a blue couch were the others were talking. In the middle a blue pen was sitting very comfortably, for the tone of his voice Seven could tell that he was likely trying to be the center of attention, maybe he was the protagonist in the game; on his side a small pink fur ball was lying on the couch, she was looking up to him, on a literal sense, Seven had no idea if it also applied in any other sense whatsoever; standing at the back of the piece of furniture another object was listening and adding commentary on the conversation sometimes, he was a plant, a vegetable maybe, not something Seven could easily recognize at least.

"I sometimes fear that Three will think I'm cheating, the luck is always on my side" Pen said "Imagine that"

"I wish I had that luck" Puffball said "It always seems to be just enough to miss when I roll the dice"

Leek stood on a tiptoe before adding:

"Well i think my luck is getting better, look, I made a chart" he said as he showed a paper graph, clearly after waiting a while to have an excuse to show it "The day before yesterday I rolled any number from 18 to 20 a total of 6 times, the day next it was 10"

"Let's hope it keeps improving like that" Puffball said.

"Hey, Seven right?" Pen called her, who was still just silently listening from what she thought was a safe distance "You are a lucky number right?"

The newcomer walked to where the others were talking, it felt really weird to be brought to the conversation like that. Maybe the situation would be better if they were the one to begin the interaction, in any case that was out of the realm of possibility now.

"I mean, yes, but it seems to not have any effect" Seven commented, trying to light up what was an uncomfortable exchange "Sometimes i wished it worked like that"

"How good are you with the dice?" Leek asked, now walking around the couch and sitting on Pen's side.

"I won in monopoly once" They said all proud but always in irony, clearly.

"Well that's a good sign" Pen said chuckling.

They told her that this was a secret club for them, they wore the robes as a way to stay anonymous, which wasn't surprising for Seven because they wouldn't want to be recognized either.

"How do you decide teams and stuff?" Seven asked, diverting their gaze "Or is it all random too?"

"We don't choose teams, we all play together" Pen clarified "Against Three of course, he controls the evil npcs"

"So the entire point of this game is kicking Three's butt?"

"It's a way to describe it" Pen was not really sure "I guess"

"Actually you play along the game master" Leek jumped to explain.

"The what?"

"The game master" Puffball said, flying to Seven's side "Is the person who makes the adventure and reunites us to play"

"So, Three"

"Yes" Leek stood up again "We should never fight against the game master, but play along the rules they provide"

"Leek wants to be a game master for the next adventure, i know it's a little hard to notice haha" Pen said and Puffball smiled "How is that going pal?"

"Well I don't want to spoil you so much but..." Leek waited a second for dramatic effect "It's gonna be like call of Cthulhu but like, in a cyberpunk setting, it's gonna be awesome I swear"

Seven didn't understand what was any of that about, but she could see how excited Leek was about it, which moved her a little, but not too much.

They kept talking for a few minutes, in which they tried to explain what happened until then in the game, just so Seven wouldn't be so lost when they started to play. They were a party of heroes trying to defeat two evil twin kings who governed the entire land of Breibia, the kings had the power of making whatever they wrote into reality, so the heroes needed to stay low profile and hide their true identities to evade that power, also in order to find the secret place they were hidden, they first needed to defeat their followers, Pen said they already defeated four of them, only two remaining.

"We hope to defeat them this time" Puffball said out loud "Or at least the followers remaining"

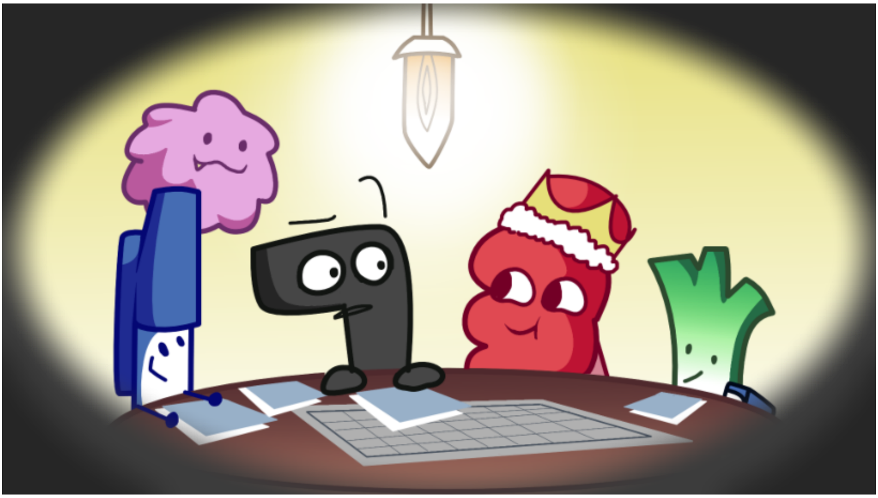
"I'm sure Three has something prepared for the secret location, I will not be so sure about how much of the game we should expect" Leek argued.

"As long as a I can keep slaying monsters with my sword I don't care how many days this is gonna take" Pen said.

Then the lights of the room were turned off, the party heard something from the kitchen, it sounded like someone hitting a pot with a wooden spoon, which was exactly what Three was doing. When they turned to where he was they could see how the table was prepared with little cardboard figurines of each character, several types of dices, a bowl of nachos, and everything lightened with candles. Three even prepared a place for Seven, with an empty character sheet.

The other players presented their respective characters. Puffball had a creature half Spider half human, with four legs and four arms, her name was Webby. Pen had a knight in shining armor, he said that it was actually a spirit controlling the armor, and was not a mortal behind, he named him Sir Lance; Leek had a wizard, which was a short anthropomorphic cat which could hold as many books as he wanted inside his hat, his name was Waffles.

Now Seven needed to make a character on her own. They didn't want to make all of the other players wait for long, so they went for a simple self insert, nobody was going to know about what happened there anyway so it wasn't a big deal.



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"Well..." Three said, walking with Seven back to her place "Was it fun?"

"Hmmm" Seven really didn't want to give Three a point "I would say, your and a your friends are not as lame as i thought they would be"

"Mhmmm"

"And, umm, this wasn't a total waste of time"

"So you liked it!" Three celebrated "A new dungeon dweller for the adventure!"

"Hey don't go so fast" Seven stopped him "I'm not gonna return, what if someone discovers I spend time with you?"

"Oh come on!" Three insisted "If not for me, do it for the party, you guys hit it off so well"

"..."

"And once we finish this adventure next reunion we are going to reunite in Leek's place" Three added "So it's gonna be risk free, please"

"Agh" Seven rolled her eyes "Fine, but if a single person figures it out, I'm leaving"

"Yippee!"

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Ok so this is finally out, its been sitting there unpublished for a year.

Hey, I bet everyone thought this story was mega dead forever, but not anymore.

A lot of stuff has happened since I published Cold shivering, One and Three are canon now and just as I expected, they are completely different to mine, well Three has not really shown any personality yet but you get the point. Also they made 14 the cannibal character which I find funny, 14 is my favorite number (irl, not in bfdi, that's a different one).

If anyone wonders where I've been I was making an among us fan comic, well I'm still making it, if you are from that fandom well my nickname is Bluestar.